

## Homoeopathy for Baby Animals

If you have a new puppy or kitten in your home you will love using your remedies to address the various mental, emotional and physical needs of a young, growing animal.



When it comes to growth and cutting teeth the good news is that dogs and cats rarely suffer problems. They lose their baby teeth from 5 to 8 months of age, so you may see the odd tooth on the ground or bit of blood in their mouth, but this rarely needs attention. A few remedy suggestions are listed below under calcium metabolism.

Puppy behaviour, on the other hand, is often a problem. Dogs are territorial animals who need to be shown their place in the pack, which should definitely be below all humans in the house. If dogs are allowed to be dominant over humans, they can actually get very stressed because they know it is not their 'correct' place intuitively.

Digestive, skin conditions and other physical ailments, as well as behaviour, can be worsened by the stress of not being disciplined correctly by owners. Good dog training is the best therapy here, but homoeopathy can help. For the over dominant dog use **Nux vomica**, and for the insecure dog who acts brave but isn't (fear aggression), **Lycopodium** is the remedy.

For puppies who whine when left alone, **Ignatia** and **Pulsatilla** rule. In fact, you can't go wrong giving every new pup or kitten **Ignatia**, to help the transition to their new people home. To help settle a new pup or kitten, leave them at night with some clothes smelling of their owners, a soft toy, and even hide a ticking clock under a blanket to remind them of their mother's heartbeat.

And then there is the deeper level where calcium metabolism is stretched and remedies such as **Calc carb**, **Calc phos**, **Silica** are important to support the growth especially if you notice there are recurring acute episodes despite well chosen acute remedies. Other remedies that come to mind are **Chamomilla** for irritability, **Teething** complex to support growth and calcium metabolism and **Phytolacca** for dogs who gnaw and chew on everything.

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