

Wounds & Sores

Choosing a remedy to help heal a wound or sore depends on the type of wound, how quickly it is detected and the temperament of the animal. In some cases surgery may be required and this is the time to use remedies such as **Arnica**, **Hypericum** and **Staphysagria** to aid the recovery process.

As well as the indicated remedy, treat wounds externally with diluted Calendula tincture or salt water. The fluid of an abscess needs to be drained or blood flow to the skin is affected resulting in a hole that then needs to heal from the base. If there is a scab, this can be pulled off to allow drainage.



Apis or **Belladonna**: swelling, cellulitis and pain. Bright red is Belladonna or puffy and rosy Apis.

Arnica: after bruising and trauma to soft tissues; useful pre and post operatively. The animal wants to be alone; restless; averse to touch; awakes with a start.

Calendula: for open, ragged wounds, ulcers and as an astringent.

Hepar sulph: for infected, suppurating wounds when the animal is aggressive due to the pain and extremely sensitive to touch, use 6c to encourage drainage of pus.

Hypericum: for crush injuries, cuts, grazes and wounds affecting the nerves.

Ledum: the 'morning after pill' for cat fights! For cleansing and healing the initial puncture wound. Use after any puncture wound, before inflammation occurs.

Mercurius: infected wounds that are very slimy, green and bleeding. Also where antibiotics have not helped or cannot be used.

Pulsatilla: for infected wounds in clingy/sooky animals who are compliant and let you treat the wound.

Silica: for slow healing wounds, chronic infections, abscesses and draining fistulas. It encourages the drainage of pus. The animal is dependent, lacks self-confidence. Very chilly, thirsty, and sensitive to noise.

Staphysagria: if it seems your cat, for example, is 'a victim' of repeated attacks by the local Tom rather than the aggressor this remedy can help reduce the vulnerability. After surgery it helps heal the incised wound.

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