

## Cat Fights 'n Bites

There's wonderful news for cat owners if your cat suffers 'Cat fight abscesses'. These are commonly seen on tomcats, as a result of territorial spats, but either sex can be affected. The remedy of choice depends on how quickly you detect the wound, the type of wound and the temperament of the cat. Occasionally a cat may require surgery and this is the time to use remedies such as [Arnica](#), [Hypericum](#) and [Staphysagria](#) to aid the recovery process.

[Ledum](#): the 'morning after pill' for cat fights! for cleansing and healing the initial puncture wound.

[Apis](#) or [Belladonna](#): swelling, cellulitis and pain. Bright red is Belladonna or puffy and rosy Apis.

[Pulsatilla](#): for infected wounds in clingy/sooky animals who will let you treat the wound.

[Hepar sulph](#): for infected wounds when the cat is aggressive and sensitive to touch, use 6c to encourage drainage of pus.

[Silica](#): for slow healing wounds, chronic infections, abscesses and draining fistulas. It encourages the drainage of pus.

[Staphysagria](#): if it seems your cat is 'a victim' of repeated attacks rather than the aggressor this remedy can help reduce the vulnerability. Typically sleeps all day, sleepless at night; oversensitive to touch; submissive nature.



Treat wounds externally with calendula tincture or salt water. The fluid of an abscess must be drained or no blood will flow to the skin and you will end up with a hole in the cat! If there is a scab, this can be pulled off to allow drainage.

Management issues such as sterilisation of non-breeding cats, keeping them indoors especially at night and regular handling to detect wounds before they become abscesses should also be addressed.

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**Repetition of doses:** As a general rule you should reduce the doses of a remedy as it starts to act and not continue once the situation has resolved.

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