

Conjunctivitis

Conjunctivitis is an inflammation of the eyelid and eye and can be caused by a cold, infection, allergy, irritation from pollutants, a foreign body, windburn or exposure to too much sun. The normal remedies for humans work well for animals with the same indications and can help to reduce inflammation.

[Aconite](#) is for inflammation after injury, removal of foreign object, or exposure to cold wind. Sudden onset of symptoms with dry, sore, burning eyes. [Allium](#) is indicated when the eyes are swollen and red with acrid, burning discharge and accompanied by sneezing. [Apis](#) may help swollen, shiny, puffy eyes. They are red, watery and stinging; with whites inflamed, reddened and bloodshot. [Belladonna](#) sudden onset of symptoms; the eyes are bloodshot, red, staring and glassy with dilated pupils. [Euphrasia](#) is helpful for profuse hot, burning tears with red lids, thick yellow pus from the inner corner and lots of blinking. [Nat mur](#) is useful for a blocked duct, ulceration, and inflammation with red sore lids and a constant desire to rub at the eyes. [Pulsatilla](#) for profuse yellowish green bland discharge especially on waking; the eyelashes stick together.



In addition remember that cats with cat flu may have conjunctivitis as a symptom, maybe with the odd sneeze as well, so use the remedy that fits the symptoms plus [Cat flu 30c](#) as well. Sometimes cats who have been in a fight and have a scratched eye can have a mucky eye. This may develop into an abscess over the next day or so and may need surgery to drain, so always give [Ledum](#) or [Hypericum](#) as well as the indicated remedy if you suspect a fight, it could save the cat needing surgery.

Many dogs with conjunctivitis are liver toxic – as the Chinese say, “the liver opens through the eye”, so don’t feed dried dog food and don’t use flea chemicals or vaccines unless they are needed. [Nux vomica](#), [Lycopodium](#) and [Hepar sulph](#) are good liver clearing remedies if indicated by other symptoms.

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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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