

Help for Asthmatic Cats

A change in cat litter may help alleviate symptoms.

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For cats with asthma, several natural options can help make life easier. Susan Little, a veterinarian, and president of the Winn Feline Foundation, suggests reducing the amount of irritants the cat is exposed to, such as cigarette and fireplace smoke, and air fresheners. In addition, she recommends switching your cat's litter to a low-dust clay litter or one that is made from an alternative material.

Some natural remedies might make your asthmatic cat more comfortable, but they are not a substitute for medical attention, especially if your cat faces an asthma emergency. The Bach flower remedies Cherry Plum and Rock Rose frequently help cats with breathing difficulties. Your cat need not swallow the remedy. It can be absorbed through the gums, lips and tongue or even massaged into the tips of the ears.

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