

Feline Hair Loss

Stress or anxiety may cause a cat to overgroom, but other medical conditions should be ruled out first.

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Once a diagnosis of FPA is made, then treatment consists of a program of counter-conditioning and desensitization for behavior modification. Because pets with compulsive disorders are likely to have alterations in neurotransmitters or their receptors, drug therapy may be an important therapeutic consideration in addition to behavioral modification. Most owners would simply like us, as veterinarians, to give a pill to their pet that will simply make the behavior go away. Unfortunately there is no magic medication for such issues. I suggest contacting a veterinarian that is board certified in behavioral problems to guide you through a behavioral modification program unless your veterinarian finds another cause for your cat's behavior.