

Feline Asthma FACTSHEET



WHAT IS FELINE ASTHMA?

Feline asthma, or cat asthma, is a chronic condition that involves inflammation and narrowing of the lower airways. It is usually triggered by a reaction to inhaled allergens such as dust, pollen, mould or smoke.



Up to 5% of cats are affected by feline asthma in the UK¹



What are the signs?

- ✓ Persistent coughing
- ✓ Wheezing
- ✓ Laboured or rapid breathing
- ✓ Mouth breathing
- ✓ Blue gums and tongue

Is it a furball?

You may wonder if your cat's cough is due to a furball. When trying to bring up a furball, cats will sit upright and look uncomfortable - this will be followed by stomach contractions. By contrast, a cat that is coughing due to asthma will crouch very low to the ground and extend their head and neck to straighten the airway. If you are unsure, video your cat coughing and show it to your vet.

How is feline asthma diagnosed?

Diagnosing feline asthma involves a combination of clinical examination and diagnostic tests tailored to your cat's individual needs. Your vet will begin with a thorough examination, including listening to your cat's chest for abnormal lung sounds, such as wheezing. They will also assess your cat's overall health.

In some cases, further investigation may be recommended. This could include chest x-rays, as well as other tests to rule out conditions with similar signs, such as heart disease or respiratory infections.

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Advantages of inhaled medication



Fast, effective relief



Delivers medication directly where it is needed



Lower risk of side effects compared to tablets



Cat-friendly and often easier to administer than tablets



NOTE: The mask should cover your cat's nose and mouth but not the eyes.

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Medical management

Your vet will create a tailored treatment plan to help control your cat's asthma, improve their breathing, and prevent asthma attacks. Lifelong management is typically required.

In emergencies, medication may be given by injection, followed by tablets to stabilise signs. Once under control, inhaled medications - similar to those used in humans - are usually the most effective long-term option.

Supporting your cat

In addition to medication, small changes at home can help manage your cat's asthma.

- ✔ Maintain a healthy weight, as obesity can worsen signs
- ✔ Avoid exposure to cigarette smoke
- ✔ Avoid the use of aerosols around your cat
- ✔ Steer clear of house plants with high pollen levels
- ✔ Limit access to bedrooms, where dust mites and dander are common
- ✔ Use dust-free, unscented cat litter
- ✔ Minimise stress

Regular vet checks ensure your cat stays healthy, is on the right medication, and receives the correct dose.

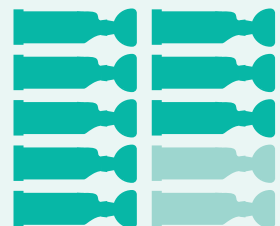
Why choose the AeroKat®?

Managing feline asthma effectively starts with ensuring your cat receives the right treatment, delivered in the best way possible. That's where the AeroKat® Chamber comes in.

The AeroKat® is a specially designed spacer device that makes it easier to give your cat inhaled medication prescribed by your vet. It has been proven to deliver medication more effectively than other devices,² ensuring your cat gets the treatment they need.

80%

OF CAT OWNERS FOUND THE AEROKAT® CHAMBER EASIER THAN GIVING TABLETS³



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