

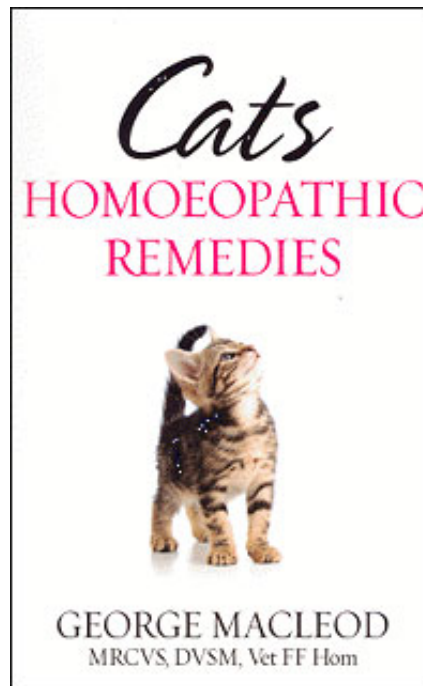
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# The Reproductive System

The autumn period is associated with an abeyance of sexual activity in the cat e.g. October to late December.

The breeding season starting in early January may run for a few months with some cats exhibiting oestrus signs as late as mid-summer. The age at which females show signs of oestrus vary from as early as 4 months to as late as 1 year in individual cases and oestrus may continue into what is relatively middle to old age. The cycle itself lasts roughly three weeks, strong signs lasting about seven days within that period.

## 1. INFERTILITY

For practical purposes this term refers to the queen and under this heading we can consider those animals which show little or no sexual activity; also those which fail to conceive: and also the care of the queen once she has become pregnant. Queens which show little or no desire may benefit from one or other of the following remedies.

7. *SEPIA*. This remedy has a beneficial action on the entire female reproductive tract and will regulate hormonal activity in the proper way. It should be used in 200c potency once per week for 3 weeks.

2. *PLATINA*. This is a remedy which is peculiarly suitable to the Siamese cat as this breed exhibits qualities which are psychologically associated with this remedy. A potency of 30c should be used giving it three times per week for 2 weeks.

If it is thought that ovulation is at fault preventing conception the remedy *PULSATILLA* should prove effective as it has a beneficial action on the ovary, a potency of 30c given three times per week for 4 weeks.

Once the cat has been successfully mated there are two main remedies which will help maintain pregnancy: 7. *VIBURNUM OP* and 2. *CAULOPHYLLUM*.

The former is the remedy of choice to be given in the first month one

dose of 30c twice weekly for four weeks. The latter will regulate pregnancy in the later stages and also help ensure a trouble-free parturition. If however there are difficulties when parturition has started it can safely be given to stimulate uterine contractions e.g. one dose every 1/2 hour for 4 doses. This should obviate the need for conventional treatment.

One other remedy which helps at this time is *ARNICA* which given a day or two prior to delivery will hasten resolution of tissues and prevent haemorrhage. One dose of 30c three times daily for 2 days should suffice.

## POST PARTUM COMPLICATIONS

These include haemorrhage, mastitis and metritis and deficient milk supply.

### 2. HAEMORRHAGE

This can take many forms and remedies must be used accordingly e.g. if the blood builds up in the uterus and is expelled in a gushing form and builds up again, the remedy to be considered is *IPECACUANHA* 6c giving it every 2 hours for four or five doses. The blood is bright red.

If haemorrhage takes the form of continual dripping, one of the snake venom remedies should be considered e.g. *CROTALUS HORR* or *VIPERA*. Potencies of 12c may be used.

Dark blood may need the remedy *SECALE* 30c while haemorrhage for miscarriage or abortion need the remedy *SABINA* 6c.

### 3. MASTITIS

Like haemorrhage different forms of mastitis have to be considered ranging from simple inflammation to abscess formation. Early

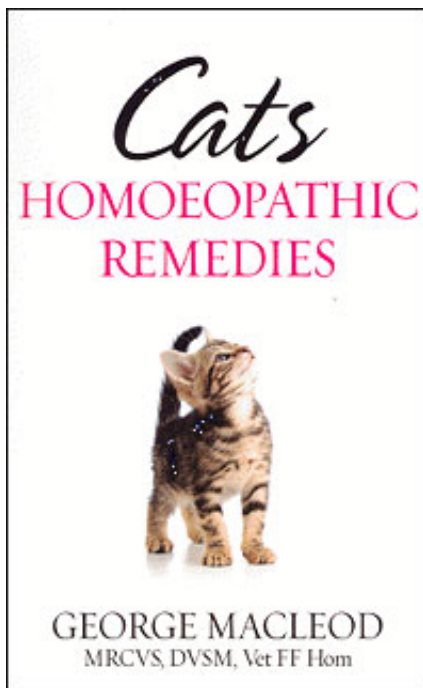
inflammation and swelling should respond to *PHYTOLACCA* in 30c potency, giving it three times daily for 3 days, followed by one dose every second day for 3 doses. If the gland is swollen and hot *BELLADONNA* 6c will help giving it every 2 hours for 5 doses. Excessive hardening of the gland may need *BRYONIA* 30c or *CALC FLUOR* 30c daily for 10 days. Abscess formation accompanied by pain and tenderness should respond to *HEPAR SULPH* given as for phytolacca. Chronic suppurative states with possible fistula development should be treated with *SILICEA* using a 200c potency twice weekly for 6 weeks.

#### 4. METRITIS

Inflammation of the uterus is a serious condition and calls for prompt attention using high potency remedies to achieve the best results, e.g. the remedy *PYROGENIUM* is frequently indicated when there is a discrepancy between pulse and temperature, e.g. high temperature and weak thready pulse or vice versa. *ECHINACEA* is another remedy which like pyrogen is indicated in septic conditions. Lower potencies should be used e.g. 3x and given frequently. Less acute cases showing discharge call for remedies such as *SEPIA*, *PULSATILLA* or *CAULOPHYLLUM*. *SEPIA* is a most useful remedy when there is post-partum discharge accompanying a mental state of indifference to the kittens, sometimes manifesting as actual attacking of the young. A 30c potency daily for about 5 days will suffice. *PULSATILLA* is more suitable for the gentler animal showing affection and alternation of moods. Discharges are creamy and bland. *CAULOPHYLLUM* is indicated when any discharge becomes chocolate-coloured due to the presence of blood. A 6c potency 3 times daily for 7 days should suffice.

#### 5. LACTATION TETANY

This condition is less common than in the bitch. It usually follows parturition involving large litters, appearing about 3 to 6 weeks after parturition. The cat is usually presented with symptoms of incoordination, with muscular spasm and collapse following.



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