

## Cat's HEALTH



As is known animal owners take their cats less often to the vet than their dogs.

One reason for this could be, that cats hide their illness better than dogs. They don't limp like a dog or a horse would do. Also they rarely show pain through moaning or screaming. They might even purr, if they don't feel well, because purring is a way of calming themselves.

You therefore have to watch out carefully for signs of changed behaviour, in order to detect a potential sickness. Is your cat jumping less or moving hardly? Does she sleep more than usual and she doesn't come running when you enter the room? Is she barely touching her wet food and her bowl of dry food is still almost full? These are all signs, your kitty is not feeling well.

Observing the consistency of the poo (shape, colour, smell) and amount of food eaten are further clues.

Other indications are peeing on the bed or sofa instead of the litter box; unusual aggression; hiding away and unfamiliar tension with other cat-members.

Sometimes a runny eye and the reluctance to be petted on the face can be a hidden sign for serious tooth problems instead of cat flu or just being miserable. While we would be letting the world know about our misery, a cat will suffer silently and that bares the risk of pain going unnoticed, especially when you are working all day or in a busy household!

Don't feel embarrassed taking your cat to the vet if any of the above mentioned symptoms occur. You will feel much worse, discovering that your cat suffered from an extremely painful rotten tooth for weeks already, then from getting a patronizing look from your vet. Take your cat at least once (best would be twice) a year to the vet for a general health check-up that include teeth, eyes, ears, intestines and heart.

With reminding you not to get careless, we are happy to share our home remedy secrets for the most common health issues:

