

What if it doesn't get better?

If your cat's ulcer isn't healing as it should be, they may need a full examination under sedation or anaesthetic. Depending on what your vet finds, they may recommend surgery to help speed up the healing process. Your cat may need to visit a specialist eye hospital if they need a complex procedure.

Outlook

The outlook for your cat is good if their ulcer is treated quickly and nursed carefully. A simple ulcer is likely to heal within a week, but a more serious ulcer can take several weeks of treatment to heal. An ulcer left without treatment is likely to be very painful, cause permanent damage and could even lead to loss of an eye.

Cost

A simple ulcer, that heals quickly, is likely to need medication and a couple of vet checks, so won't cost as much as a more complicated case. Treatment becomes expensive when an ulcer takes a long time to heal, and can become very expensive if specialist surgery is required. Consider insuring your cat as soon as you get them, before any problems develop, to ensure you have all the support you need if they become unwell. It's also very important to speak openly to your vet about your finances, the cost of treatment, as well as what you think is right for your cat. There are often several treatment options so if one doesn't work for you and your pet then the vet may be able to offer another.

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