

Surgery

Most cats improve with medical treatment but in severe cases, where skin just won't heal, surgery may be necessary to speed up recovery.

Home care and home remedies

Protecting the skin

Your vet may advise a [buster collar](#), a medical pet shirt or a dressing to protect your cat's skin while it heals.

Food

If your cat's eosinophilic dermatitis affects their mouth, they may need soft food to help them eat. If something in your cats food is a trigger, your vet may recommend a special diet to help keep their symptoms under control.

Skin supplements, shampoos and creams

Your vet might recommend a skin supplement, shampoo or cream to help keep your cat's skin healthy. You can find out more on our skin conditions overview page.

Natural remedies

There a number of different natural remedies which are marketed to help with skin problems for cats. Unfortunately, in many cases there is no evidence that they work. Speak to your vet before using any natural remedies for your cat - using the wrong product could make your cat's skin a lot worse.

Outlook

Most cats with eosinophilic dermatitis respond very well to treatment. In many cases, symptoms of eosinophilic dermatitis come and go throughout life, but can usually be well managed with ongoing medication. If your cat doesn't improve with treatment, they may need to visit a specialist veterinary clinic for further investigations.

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