







## Outlook

If your cat's ear mite problem is treated quickly, they are very likely to make a full recovery.

## Home remedies for ear mites

There are many products on the market that claim to kill ear mites, but those available without a prescription are usually less effective than a licenced product from your vet. Always book an appointment with your vet if your cat has an ear problem. They will not only provide you with licenced, effective treatment but will also check your cat's ears for other problems. Leaving an ear problem for too long can lead to serious problems.

## Prevention

Regularly treating your cat for fleas is the best way to prevent ear mites. Many of the products we use to kill fleas or other parasites also kill ear mites.

## FAQ

**Can ear mites cause deafness?** Ear mites don't directly cause deafness, but left untreated they can lead to serious ear disease or infections that can cause hearing loss.

**Can ear mites cause seizures?** Ear mites don't cause seizures but left untreated they can lead to serious ear disease (such as middle or inner ear infections) which can cause a head tilt or loss of balance.

**Can humans catch ear mites?** It's extremely rare for humans to catch ear mites from a pet but it is possible. If you are worried or someone you know may have mites, it is best to contact your doctor, or the [NHS](#) for advice.

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