

*** Classical Homeopathy ***

What is homeopathy?

“**Homeopathy**” literally means “**similar disease**” and is based on the principle that “like treats like.” It is a type of “energy medicine,” like acupuncture or Reiki, meaning it acts on the energy fields of the body to stimulate the animal’s innate healing abilities. If you decide to do homeopathic treatment with your animal, I will prescribe FDA-regulated medicines, or *remedies*, which you can obtain at natural food stores or **homeopathic pharmacies**. The medicines are most often available as BB size milk-sugar pellets which are coated in a homeopathic remedy.

What conditions will homeopathy treat?

Homeopathic medicines can be used for any condition, chronic or acute, emotional or physical. In acute problems, like a sprain or a blunt trauma, they act much like conventional drugs to relieve the pain, swelling or bleeding. *Homeopathy* is also a successful treatment option for many chronic diseases, even those for which conventional medicine has little to offer

What is classical homeopathy?

In **classical homeopathy**, only 1 remedy at a time is used. These are selected not just on physical symptoms, but also on the animal’s personality, past history, body type and unique *patterns* of illness; in other words, the animal’s *constitution*. These medicines start a recovery process that will become ongoing. Changes often start within 3-5 days after giving the medicine. These may show up as changes in the physical symptoms, energy level, behavior, appetite, or emotions. For instance, your animal may drink less water, be less fearful of noises and want more affection. Non-classical homeopaths often use combinations of remedies for symptom relief.

How long will treatment take?

Changes are very important to track because they’re used to select the next most appropriate medicine. I’ll ask you to keep a **written log** of any changes you notice. Recent problems in a younger animal usually improve within a few days or a few weeks. Animals with long-term problems usually require a series of medicines over a period of time. This length of time depends on the age and health of the animal, as well as the nature of the disease. In general, the longer the disease has existed, the longer it will take the animal to recover. Very old or severely diseased animals may benefit from continuous treatment.

Appointments are usually every 2-4 weeks at first, then gradually further apart as the animal improves and we center on the appropriate remedies that are the best for your animal.