

## **What to do if.....my cat has diarrhoea or vomiting?**

As a general rule, Gastro-enteric upsets are less common in the cat than in the dog, mainly because cats are more fussy about what they eat. We would not suggest that simple treatments at home are suitable except for the mildest cases.

### **Diarrhoea**

If your cat is otherwise well and the diarrhoea is mild and has been present for less than a day, starvation followed by suitable intestinal diet may be enough. Starve an adult cat for 24 hours then give feline id or similar for 2-3 days. Your cat should be examined if the diarrhoea persists for more than 36 hours, is unwell or blood is seen in the diarrhoea. Kittens under 12 weeks should be examined.

If you are getting intermittent diarrhoea in an otherwise well cat, ensure your cats worming status is current. If they haven't been wormed within the last three months call and collect a profender to apply but examination is advised if this does not resolve the signs. Feline id is available at the surgery without having to have your pet seen. If in any doubt phone for advice or arrange an appointment.

### **Vomiting**

There are a number of causes of vomiting in the cat and the seriousness of the problem will be reflected in the severity and frequency of the vomiting. If only occasional, don't worry. If regular, if your cat is unwell or if you are suspicious of blood in the vomit arrange an appointment. Cats with continuous vomiting should be seen as soon as possible.