Asthma in Cats

Disclosure: We are not veterinarians or able to provide medical advice. The sites here are supports, resources, and possible research articles that have valuable information. We strongly suggest that these be utilized along with the support of your purrsonal veterinarian. Any medical advice in regards to the care of your cat must come from a medical professional.

What is Asthma?

Cat asthma is a recurring respiratory condition that is characterized by inflammation in the lungs and narrowing of the airways. Asthma is caused by contact with an allergen such as dust or pollen your cat inhaled while breathing. Asthma can be made worse by stress- Pet MD

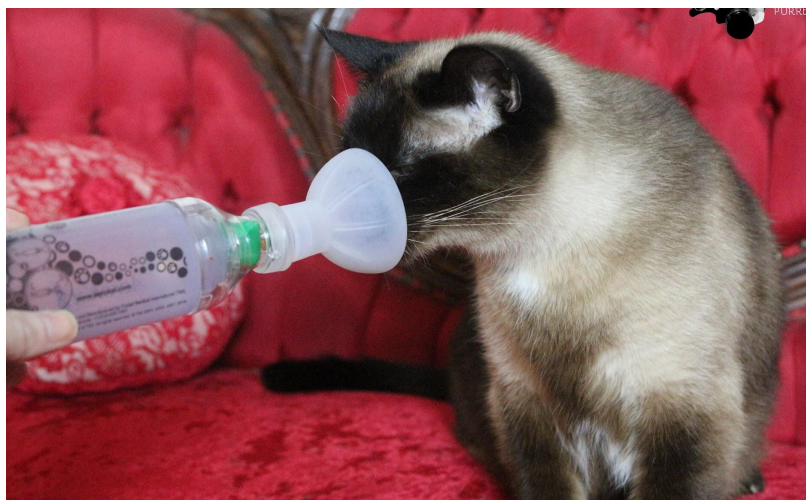Clinical Signs your cat may have asthma:
➢ Difficulty breathing
➢ Wheezing
➢ Rapid Breathing
➢ [Coughing or Hacking](#)
➢ Vomiting
➢ Lethargy
➢ Weakness

Diagnosis:
There isn't one singular test that helps a veterinarian to diagnose asthma, however a vet will rely on collecting information and doing a variety of tests to arrive at a diagnosis. Your vet may recommend X-Rays and other diagnostics to determine if your cat has asthma.

Treatment:
Once your vet has made a diagnosis your vet will discuss with you the possible treatment plan. Your cat may be prescribed corticosteroids which are generally used using a tool called an [AeroKat](#). This tool has the inhaler attached to a chamber. Your cat should be trained on using the AeroKat prior to use. As with any new tool, training your cat should be done using only positive based methods. You always want your cat to have positive associations with the AeroKat.

[Kane Demonstrating How Awesome He is With his AeroKat](#)

Further Resources for Cats with Asthma

[Feline Asthma-What You Need to Know](#): Cornell Feline Health Center
[Pet MD](#)
[VCA Animal Hospitals](#)
[Veterinary Partners](#)
[International Cat Care](#)
[Merck Veterinary Manual](#)