

## ACNE IN CATS

**Feline Acne** is a skin disease affecting the chin of cats. Although fungal infections and allergies may be a cause of this condition, it is thought to be primarily the result of the inability or lack of desire of some cats to clean their own chin. Most cats groom themselves on a daily basis and clean their chins by licking their front feet and then utilizing the moist foot to clean the underside of the chin. Cats that are ill or just too lazy to thoroughly groom themselves are prone to the “blackheads.” Blackheads are nothing more than blood and infection that have accumulated in the hair follicle. The condition can sometimes be very severe and painful. In severe cases, it can result in open sores on the chin.

Recurrence of the problem after treatment is common because of the ongoing lack of cleaning the chin by the cat.