



Bach Flower Remedies : Information for Referring Veterinary Surgeons

Background

The Bach Flower Remedies were developed in the 1930s by Dr Edward Bach MBBS, MRCS, DPH, a Harley Street GP and bacteriologist. The remedies only treat behavioural issues and are never used for physical problems, on which they have no direct effect. Bach Flower Remedies are therefore complementary to mainstream veterinary care, and are emphatically not a substitute for it.

Bach Flower Remedies have been used to excellent effect with both animals and people for over 75 years. They are completely safe and have no side-effects. The remedies (as dispensed for an animal) contain a small amount of alcohol, approximately 1% volume.

Consultation and treatment

Following a consultation with the owner and observation of the animal, a 30ml treatment bottle is made up with the combination of remedies indicated by the animal's behaviour. It is given to the owner with written instructions on dosage, method of administration and safety.

The owner gives the animal four drops, four times a day, offered on a piece of food or a treat. The length of treatment will vary according to the nature of the problem. Further mixtures appropriate to the animal's current behaviour are provided following additional consultations.

Practitioner details

Having trained under the Bach Centre (www.bachcentre.com) and the Natural Animal Centre (www.naturalanimalcentre.com) I am a fully-qualified Bach Foundation Registered Animal Practitioner (BFRAP). The Animal Practitioner qualification, open only to those already qualified to practise with people, comprises three residential courses covering normal and abnormal animal behaviour; the treatment of animals with Bach Flower Remedies; practice, professionalism and ethics; these are followed by consultation assessments; a written examination; a series of theoretical assessments and an assessed field study of three months' duration.

Bach Foundation Registered Animal Practitioner : professional practice

Operating under stringent professional requirements, Bach Foundation Registered Animal Practitioners:

- accept clients only on veterinary referral
- only treat behavioural problems
- are fully insured (professional malpractice and public liability)
- work under the professional supervision of the Natural Animal Centre
- provide reports and information as required to the referring vet
- only treat animals after face-to-face observation and consultation
- provide information and professional support to the owner
- are bound by the Bach Foundation Code of Practice.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of treating animals with the Bach Flower Remedies, please do not hesitate to contact the email below.