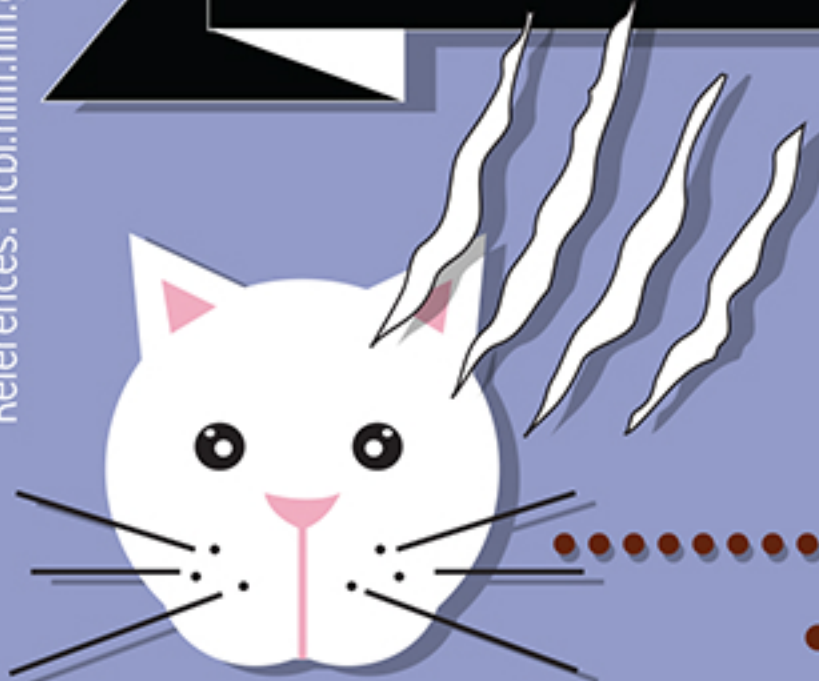




# What is Cat Scratch (ON)?



- a bacterial infection
- transmitted mostly
- by kittens.

## Symptoms

- Loss of vision in one eye.
- Fatigue.
- Headaches.
- Low-grade fever.
- Swelling of lymph nodes.



## Information

- Vision loss occurs **1 to 2** weeks after a flea bite or scratch.

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## Target Audience



- Anyone who plays with kittens (mostly children under the age of **15**).

## How it Is Transmitted

Kittens can carry a cat flea, & when they scratch or bite a person hard enough to break the skin, they will transmit the *Bartonella henselae* bacteria to the person. Studies show that infected cats & kittens can also transmit the bacteria or infection by licking a wound or scab.



## Prognosis

Vision loss usually returns

## Stats

**24,000**

people get cat scratch fever in the United States each year.



## Cat Information



- Studies show that about **40%** of cats—mostly stray cats—carry *Bartonella henselae* at some time during their life span.
- Cats carrying *Bartonella henselae* will show no signs of sickness.

## Prevention



- Avoid playing rough with cats and kittens.
- Keep pet cats away from stray cats and kittens.
- See your veterinarian to treat your pet cats for fleas.