

Case of a Cat's Foul-Smelling Gas

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“Tribble” was a 6-month-old female cat who had been spayed 2 weeks prior. She presented with the owner complaining of frequent, intensely foul-smelling gas. She had the “condition” before becoming spayed, but it seemed to be worse since the procedure.

Tribble had been a stray, but since she had been taken in, there had been no changes in her food, water or environment. Tribble lived with two adults and one older cat (about 2 years older, a female). Tribble was friendly, often purring, cuddling and licking the humans. Occasionally when she would go into the basement to use the litter box, Tribble would meow loudly as if in distress, but when a human would check to see what was wrong, Tribble was often not near a litter box, so it has not been determined why Tribble “screams” when she goes into the basement.

Exam revealed no abdominal distension or tenderness, no foul breath. Teeth and mouth cavity were healthy and moist. Anus was free of stool or smell. Incisions to her abdomen from the spaying were dry and intact with no evidence of infection. Tribble was cooperative with the exam.

Recommendations were made for Aloe 30X homeopathic daily and to allow Tribble outside to eat grass, or to provide it inside.

Outcome: within 2 days the flatus diminished, then another two days it was gone, never to return. The homeopathic was stopped after four more doses, but the outside time and/or grass was to continue.

6 month follow-up: no repeat episodes of foul-smelling gas.

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