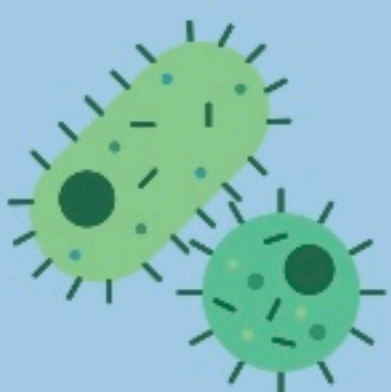


CAT SCRATCH DISEASE



WHAT IS CAT SCRATCH FEVER?

- A direct acute bacterial zoonotic disease that is transmitted through a cat bite or scratch.
- Caused by bacteria *Bartonella henselae*.

WHICH ANIMALS CAN GET CAT SCRATCH FEVER AND HOW IS IT INFECTED?

- Reservoir animal of infection is wild and domestic cats.
- The disease is spread from a cat to another by vectors (fleas).

HOW DOES IT AFFECT MY ANIMAL AND HOW CAN I PROTECT IT?

- Cats do not show any signs of disease.
- Cats can be protected by:
 1. Flea control.
 2. Avoid other cats.
 3. Keeping the cats indoors.

HOW IS IT TRANSMITTED TO HUMAN?

Scratching and biting of cat



HOW DOES IT AFFECT HUMAN ?



Skin pumps and rash



Fever



Loss of appetite



Fatigue

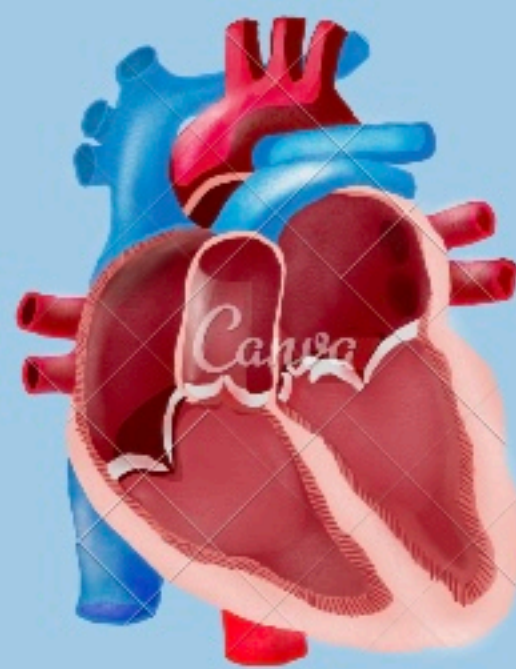


Muscle, bone or joint aches



Swollen painful lymph node

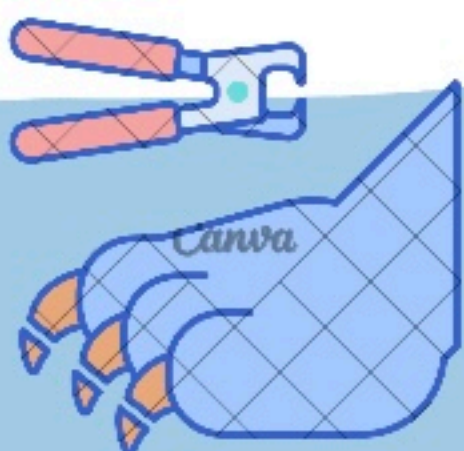
In immunosuppressive patients, complications can occur leading to Endocarditis.



HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF ?

Do

- 1-Wash cat bites and scratches with soap and running water.
- 2-Wash your hands with soap and running water after playing with cat.
- 3-Keep your cat's nails trimmed.



Don't

- 1-Play rough with your pets.
- 2-Allow cats to lick your open wounds.
- 3-Pet or touch stray or feral cats.

