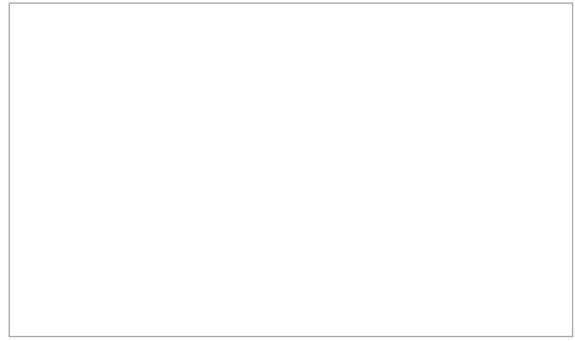


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**Aggressive cats can cause serious injury to people or other pets. Here are some recommendations aimed at preventing arousing these animals.**

#### Medical health

Your veterinary surgeon will examine your cat and may do some laboratory tests to find out if there is an underlying disease causing the aggressive behaviour.

Follow any medical treatment your veterinary surgeon may give you.

#### Avoid situations that may bring about aggressive behaviour

This may include:

- Separating cats in the household
- Blocking windows so other cats cannot be seen
- Keeping other cats out of the garden
- Keeping the cat indoors
- Avoiding physical contact, such as prolonged petting or picking up the cat
- Separation of your cat from the potential victim (either feline or human).

#### Avoid confrontation

- Avoid confrontation at all times.
- DO NOT reinforce or increase the aggressive behaviour by your own responses.
  - DO NOT punish the cat physically or verbally.
  - DO NOT pick up or handle your cat when it is aggressively aroused.
- Isolate the aggressively aroused cat in a room with a door that can be closed. The cat should be moved *without direct physical contact*; a trail of food such as prawns may be beneficial.

**! Injuries from aggressive cats can be potentially serious.**

**! Seek medical attention if you are badly bitten or scratched.**