

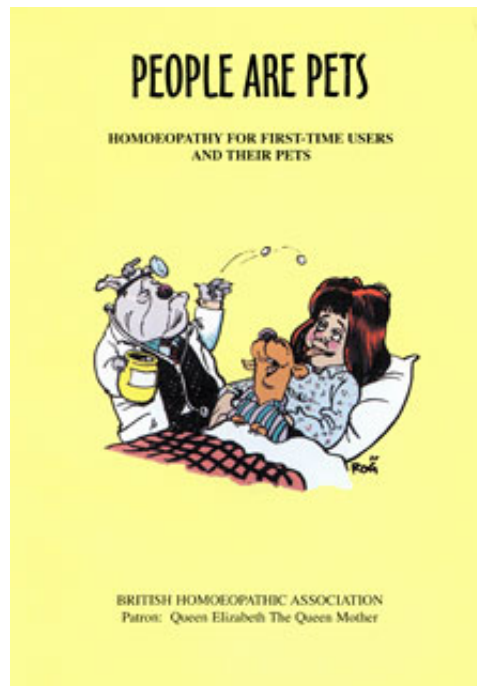
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PULSATILLA (*Pulsatilla nigricans*)

This little plant belongs to the order Ranunculaceae (the buttercup family). It has several common names including meadow anemone, pasque flower and wind-flower. The name wind-flower well describes the plant itself and some of its actions. *Pulsatilla* is such an important remedy in homoeopathic medicine that it would be a mistake to omit it even from a simple book such as this.

The plant grows wild over much of the British countryside and Europe, especially on chalky soil, and it is also popular as a garden plant. It flowers in April and May and often, again, in September. The flowers are pretty, with purple petals and golden centres, but this delicate appearance should not deceive. The smell from the broken flowers or damaged leaves can bring on headaches, running eyes, and even fainting fits, and the juice on the skin may produce eczema or a burning sensation.

Keynotes: Catarrh. Reproductive problems. Toothache. Incontinence.

Uses: *Pulsatilla* is frequently used as a constitutional remedy (see page 16) where it can be useful for treating many ills. The name wind-flower reflects the action of this attractive plant blowing gently in the breeze. This, and the fact that it grows in clumps, imitates the variable and gregarious nature of the many patients who will benefit from this remedy. Toothache, accompanied by a dry

mouth, sore gums, and an unpleasant taste in the mouth, may respond well from dosing with *Pulsatilla*. Chronic catarrh, earache with a creamy, often offensive-smelling discharge and sore eyes, frequently improve with *Pulsatilla*. *Pulsatilla*, when prescribed by a physician or veterinary surgeon, can be most useful in treating troubles associated with the birth process.

Modalities: Worse from heat, a stuffy room, lying on the left side and when resting. Better in the open air, especially cold dry air, and from gentle movement.

Suggested Potency: 30c.

Dosage: For acute cases, *Pulsatilla* may be given 3-4 times daily, for 5 to 7 days, until improvement is apparent. For toothache, use at the first aid rate (see page 14).

Additional Remedies: *Euphrasia* (see page 58) for eye problems and *Chamomilla* (see page 49) for toothache. The remedy, *Kali bich.* (see page 100) is also useful in many cases of catarrh and sinusitis.

Anecdotes:

1) Gerry, the smooth-haired miniature Dachshund, was 14 years old when he first had homoeopathic medicine. He had a number of chronic ailments, including persistent sinusitis with a running nose and eyes, bowel problems, skin troubles, to say nothing of various aches and pains

including a bad back. This prevented Gerry from climbing on his favourite chair or jumping on his owner's bed where he always slept, if possible, because Dachshunds do love to keep warm!

Pulsatilla turned out to be Gerry's constitutional remedy (see page 16) and he lived a happy life in good health until he was 20 years old. A long life indeed for any dog to live and, in this case, undoubtedly due in large measure to his gratifying response to homoeopathy. (FH)

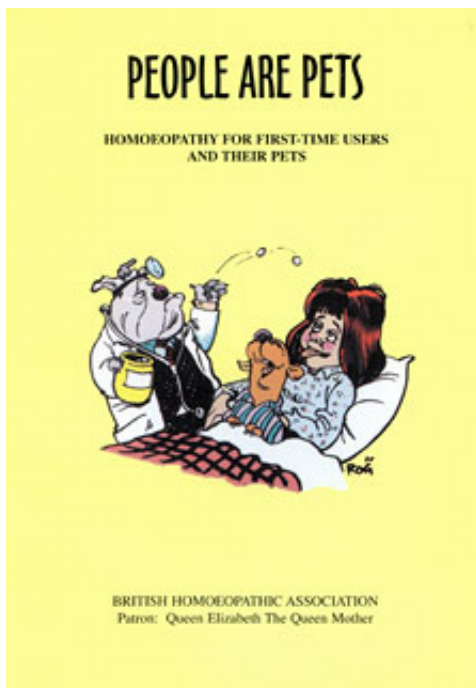
2) Miss Forbes had a small herd of 16 delightful pedigree Jersey cows. The cows were tied up for milking in a large, airy milking parlour, eight on each side. They still retained their horns because Miss Forbes did not hold with the practice of removing cows' horns.

Every day, each cow received its ration of dairy nuts, in a round washing-up bowl, and these were of various colours. When they had finished eating, and as a sign that they would like some more, they all picked up their bowls in their mouths and placed them upside down on their horns!

I was called, one day, to see Clementine, who was Miss Forbes' favourite cow, because she followed her everywhere. Clementine was off her food, not giving much milk, and she seemed to be rather sad, probably because she had, recently, been parted from her calf. There were no other signs of ill health and she was so obviously a constitutional *Pulsatilla* that I treated her with a few doses of this remedy and, in just a few days, Clementine was her cheery self again, much to the relief of Miss Forbes. (FH)

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