

NATURAL HEALTH TIPS AND REMEDIES

Tapeworms - 2 tbsps of buttermilk, twice a day, for one week

Roundworms - powdered pumpkin seeds as directed on label, available at health food stores. Also to ward off these worms, 1/2 tsp of granulated garlic (not garlic salt or powdered garlic) as available in large containers at such warehouse stores as Costco/Price Club and Sam's Club in food every day.

Herpes or Vaginitis - Urtica Urens, Nat.Mur., Rhus.Tox., Capsicum, 2 to 4 tablets or pellets, 3 times a day, for 4 to 5 days

Diurite or Causticum - for incontinence in older dogs not due to any specific medical problem; 2 to 3 pellets/tablets in food twice a day or powdered corn silk, 1 to 5 tps a day in food.

Ear Hematomas - 100 mcg of Vitamin K every other day indefinitely

"Bone" measurement - measure just below wrist/pastern, multiply by 100, divide by height at withers

Heartworm - if you live in an area where heartworm is a concern, the once a day liquid that is squirted on the food was much better for immune system health than the once a month "shock" to the system of such things as "Heartguard" But it is no longer available. The natural flea remedies below will also help keep the mosquitoes that carry heartworm off the dog.

Natural Flea Remedy -

Combine one lemon, sliced thin, with 1 pint of hot water. Let stand overnight. Strain and apply twice a week, working the liquid deep into the coat. Application is easiest with a spray bottle, but be sure you don't get into the dog's or cat's eyes. The unused solution can be refrigerated. It is suggested that you let it come to room temperature before you apply it to the coat. Apply as often as necessary.

OR: 1 cup Avon Skin-So-Soft
1 tbsp. oil of citronella or eucalyptus (available at any health food store)
2 cups white vinegar
2 cups water
Mix well and apply from spray bottle (covering eyes). This is also great to keep flies from bugging your dog in hot summer months. If you want to discourage ticks as well, decrease water to 1 cup. Shake well before each use. Use as often as you wish. This will send fleas flying, makes the coat shine and the dog smell good.

OR: Take four lemons (sliced), six sprigs of Rosemary, and around ¼ to ½ tsp tea tree oil. Fill a 5-6 qt. pan with water. Bring water to a boil. Wrap lemon slices and rosemary in cheese cloth and drop in boiling water. Turn off the heat and let steep overnight. Mix concentrate with water (50/50) in a spray bottle. Refrigerate and bring to room temperature before applying. Works great for mosquitoes, flies, gnats AND ticks. (Works on humans, too!) Use as often as you wish.

Blue Ear Power Mix 8 oz. of rubbing alcohol, 8 drops of 1% solution of Gentian Violet, and 2 tbsps of boric acid powder. Flush ears as needed. Might want to do this outside as the Gentian Violet will stain anything it touches blue when the dog shakes. Dry out ear canal with a cotton ball.

Rosemary tea for regrowing hair:

As long as the hair follicles aren't damaged, take one heaping tablespoon of rosemary leaves (dried from the spice shelf or fresh, doesn't matter) Put in one cup of water, bring to a boil and boil for 3 minutes. Keep leaves in water until cooled down. Strain off leaves. Saturate hairless area with a cotton ball soaked in the solution several times a day.