

PURPLE STUFF

This is for those folks whose dogs do need special ear treatment, the following information may prove useful. The formula has been handed down from a wonderful veterinarian, now deceased. Devotees have found it also effective for cuts, fungus between toes, and small tumor-like cysts, but must be done faithfully as instructed. I would remind you that the ears are very sensitive and your dog may appreciate having it warmed up a bit. I've found that the best way to warm up a solution is to place it in a cup or glass of very warm water for about a half hour or so.

“Purple Power Ear Treatment”

INGREDIENTS:

16 oz. Isopropyl Alcohol
4 Tablespoons Boric Acid Powder
16 Drops Gentian Violet Solution 1%

Mix together in alcohol bottle and shake well. You will also need to shake solution every time you use it to disperse the Boric Acid Powder. To use, purchase the “Clairol” type plastic bottle to dispense solution to affected ears.

TREATMENT: Evaluate condition of ears before treating and if very inflamed or sore do not attempt to pull hair or clean out ear at all. Wait until inflammation has subsided which will be about 2 days. Shake the bottle each time before using. Flood the ear with solution (gently quirt bottle), massage gently to the count of 60, wipe with a tissue. Flood again on first treatment, wipe with a tissue, and leave alone without massage. The dog will shake out the excess, which can be wiped with a tissue. The Gentian Violet does stain fabrics!

SCHEDULE: Treat 2 x per day for the first week to two weeks depending upon severity of ears. Treat 1 x per day for the next 1-2 weeks. Treat 1 x per month (or even less frequently, depending on the dog). All of these ingredients should be available at a pharmacy. Despite the alcohol, the dog will not object to even the first treatment. The Boric Acid Powder soothes the ear. The Gentian Violet Solution is an anti infection agent. The Solution appears to work well on any and all ear problems from mites to wax to canker. After the 2nd or 3rd day you can clean out the ear with a Q-tip or cotton balls.

The success rate for this treatment is 95 – 99%. Those who do not success have usually not done the treatment long enough or have not been regular about it. Dogs on the verge of ear canal surgery have been returned to normal with only the regular follow-up treatment to keep the ear healthy.

If an infection seems to be remaining in the treated ear after the above course of treatment, you may also have some Pseudomonas bacteria in the site. This can be eradicated by using a gentle flush of raw apple cider vinegar and water (warm). Use 2 Tablespoons of vinegar to one cup of water, 2 x per week. **They have found the Purple Power Solution to be effective for treating fungus-type infections on the feet and**

elsewhere on the dog, for cuts on dogs or people, and for hot spots. You may find other uses for this simple anti-infective agent. Remember it is for external use only and be careful not to get into the eye.