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Feet nails and paws.

Nails and paws can be a source of discomfort and pain for many dogs
– and their owners too.

Paws



Soaking feet.

Soaking the affected foot in some warm salt or Epsom salts water can provide soothing relief and help to prevent an infection from developing.

Homeopathic remedy.

Hypericum is helpful to reduce inflammation and speed up healing. If the nail is hanging off at its base exposing raw tissue underneath, clip the excess nail piece.

Calendula ointment mixed with several drops of "hypericum tincture" - bandage wrap.

The wrap can be changed daily, soaking the injured area in a Calendula tea bath. Healing usually occurs within 10 days.

***Protective healing pad mix* ... during winter also all year**

Protective barrier – bee wax;

Coconut oil for bacterial properties.

Calendula dry flowers heals and smooth cracked pads

avocado oil moisturise properties.

Treat with traditional Chinese medicine.

Very dry, cracked paws can be a sign of a "blood deficiency" - accompanying signs might include dry eyes, dandruff, lack of stamina and restlessness.

To notify the blood, try foods such as beef, fish, eggs, carrots, parsley, apricots and dates.

Essential fatty acids supplementation.

Supplement with essential fatty acids such as krill/ fish / safflower / flax or olive oil.

This can also be very beneficial for dryness in the feet and skin.

Looking at food allergy – licking feet - diet.

If your dog continually licks and chews his feet and paw pads, this is often a sign of a “food allergy”.

For some reason, when a dog eats “certain” food to which they sensitive, this causes a type of irritation and chewing at the feet is an attempt to get relief.

If you notice excessive, chronic foot chewing and licking, or very red pads, a change in diet is the first course of action.

Begin by eliminating grains with grain-free pet food.

If there is still room for improvement, try an alternative source of protein and perhaps “some” different vegetables than those that are in his current diet.

Many dog guardians notice almost overnight improvement in chronic foot-chewing, just by correcting the diet.

Looking at injury - Of course a sudden, acute case of foot-licking (especially directed at just one paw rather than all four) is probably a sign of injury.

Examine the feet thoroughly after exercise or a day in keep, to check for thorns, shards of glass or wear into the paw or between, the pads.

Veterinary advice should always be sought in a traumatic injury such as this.

Looking at pad wear.

Be aware also that dogs in keep that are not used to a very active lifestyle, can suffer with soreness and abrasions (pad wear) on their paws if they suddenly get to go on a very long hike without first toughening up.

Various topical products are available to help toughen the pads, but good nutrition and a gradual introduction to rougher terrain (or even just walking on the road if you usually only exercise at a grassy dog park) can help to condition and harden up your dog’s feet for a trip away or a new active lifestyle.

Looking at foot soaks and rinses.

Remove toxins, disinfect paw wounds, and treat east infection and irritated paws.

Use 5l of water – and combine to make up a foot and paw rince;

Soak your dog's paws or skin for 30 seconds;

Allow your dog's paws/skin to air-dry.

The recipes listed should be used three or four times a week if you are treating a yeast infection, or irritation due to allergies.

Iodine.

Add enough iodine to make the water turn the colour of ice tea.

Iodine is a naturally occurring water-soluble element.

Iodine is an excellent disinfectant as it has both anti-fungal and anti-viral properties, it is also non-toxic for dogs (but should not be ingested, just used topically).

Iodine is a common disinfectant carried by most pharmacies.

To remove toxins (road salt, herbicides, fertilizers or pesticides) from the surface of your dog's paws - this soak can also be used to reduce itchy, inflamed, and otherwise irritated paws.



Hydrogen peroxide and ACV.

Hydrogen peroxide (1 cup), and organic unpasteurized unfiltered apple cider vinegar ACV (one4 cup).



Organic unpasteurized, unfiltered Apple cider vinegar (ACV) has anti-bacterial, anti-fungal and anti-viral properties (primarily from the acetic acid and malic acid in ACV).

Do not use pasteurized non-organic apple cider vinegar such as that typically found on grocery store shelves.

Pasteurized vinegar does not have the medicinal properties that unpasteurized ACV has.

You can also use just apple cider vinegar between foot soaks - just put it in a spray bottle, spray your dog's paws and then pat dry.

Do not use ACV on broken skin as it can sting.

Lemon & peppermint essential oils and ACV.

The fresh juice of one lemon

20 drop peppermint essential oil

One cup of organic unpasteurized, unfiltered apple cider vinegar

Peppermint contains cooling essential oils (such as menthol) and has antiseptic and slightly aesthetic properties.

Adding herbs to the foot soaks above.

Chamomile.

Chamomile is a non-toxic soothing all natural additive.

Just add a few chamomile tea bags to the liquid solution wait a few minutes and then soak your dog's feet in the solution.

You can also prepare the tea as you normally would (as you would to drink it), just wait for it to cool down and add it to the liquid solution.

Golden seal

Golden Seal is a non-toxic soothing all natural additive.

Just add a few Golden Seal tea bags to the liquid solution wait a few minutes and then soak your dogs, feet in the solution.

You can also prepare the tea as you normally would (as you would to drink it), just wait for it to cool down and add it to the liquid solution.

Green tea.

Green tea (use decaffeinated only) is a non-toxic and rich in antioxidants - an aid to healing.

Just add a few green tea bags to the liquid solution wait a few minutes and then soak your dog's feet in the solution.

You can also prepare the tea as you normally would (as you would to drink it), just wait for it to cool down and add it to the liquid solution.

Rooibos tea is a naturally anti-allergenic and also contains a significant amount of AHA (alpha-hydroxy acid) making rooibos tea an aid to the healthy growth and maintenance of skin.

Note!

Lathering your dog's paws with ointments, salves and lotions may make the irritation worse as allergens, toxins and dirt can get trapped underneath the ointment.

It is better to use one of these soaks and then keep your dog's paws dry and clean.

Yeast infection (i.e. candida) If your dog does have a yeast infection (i.e. candida) you really need to treat the symptom (i.e. itchy, irritated paws that may smell like corn chips), as well as the issue.

Antibiotics, steroids and non-steroidal ant-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) have many side effects including life threatening, life span shortening affects.

Prednisone and can make the condition worse as they further suppress the dog's immune system and antibiotics kill the good bacteria in a dog's digestive tract.