

## THE PET CONNECTION

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### HELOISE GOES TO THE DOGS!

Here are some fabulous Pet Tips that even Aunt Heloise would be jealous of!

#### Tartar Control Dental Spray

(for dogs and cats)

I have used this recipe on my own dogs and it really works !

3 oz. Distilled water

1 oz. Grain alcohol (NOT Isopropyl rubbing alcohol)

1 teaspoon of baking peppermint oil

Mix all ingredients together and put in a small spray bottle. Spray pet's teeth morning and night for the first couple of weeks. Two squirts each side of the mouth. Then do once a day for maintenance. Treatment is most effective if your pet doesn't have food for 30 minutes before and after applying spray to teeth.

#### Skunk Odor Remover

Nothing will take skunk odor out completely, but in 30 years of dog grooming I haven't found anything that works better than this recipe.

Make a paste using a few drops of Dawn dish soap, baking soda, and hydrogen peroxide. This next step is very important - **ONLY APPLY THE PASTE TO THE AREA OF THE PET'S BODY THAT WAS ACTUALLY HIT BY THE SKUNK SPRAY** – it is most often the head, neck or shoulder. Work the paste into the skunked area, let sit for 5 minutes and then rinse. Don't make the mistake of washing the whole pet. Skunk spray is an oil, and all you do when you bath a pet is spread the oil all over the whole animal.

#### Natural Flea Repellent

Boil a pint of distilled water and pour it over lemons in a heat-safe bowl. Let the lemons soak overnight. Apply the solution with a cotton ball, dabbing lightly in various parts of your pet's coat between the shoulder blades, lower back, underside of the neck and belly. Do not soak your pet. The citric acid of the lemons brought out by the hot water will repel the fleas.

#### Natural Tick Repellent

Make a solution using the following ingredients:

Two tablespoons of vegetable or nut oil almond oil, 10 to 25 drops of Rose Geranium essential oil, which can be purchased at a nutrition store or online. Combine the ingredients in a glass jar; shake to blend. Makes 2 tablespoons. Shelf life: six months. Dab a few drops on skin or collars, making sure to avoid eyes. The mixture works for for dogs, cats, and humans.

#### PAWS FOR REFLECTION

“I like pigs. Dogs look up to us. Cats look down on us. Pigs treat us as equals.”

Sir Winston Churchill

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