

Managing Your Dog's Ears



Your vet has recommended an ear cleaning solution as part of your dog's treatment plan. It is advised to clean your dog's ear canal once daily before the application of medicated ear drops.

Cleaning the ear canal will help remove debris and discharge from the ear and improve the efficacy of the medicated drops your vet has prescribed. The vet or nurse can help show you how to do this correctly

You will be advised when we want to see your dog again for a follow up appointment. It is important you attend this appointment to help your vet monitor progress and ensure the treatment plan is working as expected.

If your dog has been prescribed an ear medication, it is very important you apply the drops at the frequency indicated and for the advised duration. Do not stop before the prescribed course as this can lead to AB resistance and predispose your dog to more serious ear problems in the future.

If your dog's ears are painful and the application of treatment is difficult, please contact your vet for advice so they can ensure your pet is receiving the correct care.

It is important that you contact your vet every time you suspect your dog has an ear problem. Your vet will need to thoroughly check your dog's ears and make sure they receive the best care as early as possible.

Some dogs with are prone to recurrent ear infections. Please speak to your vet who can identify the underlying cause and advise you on a long-term maintenance plan to promote good aural hygiene and prevent future infections.



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How To Clean Your Dog's Ears



1. Before you begin cleaning your pet's ears, wash your hands and make sure your pet is calm and comfortable. You may want to clean their ears in a kitchen or bathroom with easy to wipe surfaces or place your pet on a towel to avoid spills on the carpet.

Tip: Ear cleaning may be easier with two people so one can hold your pet still.



2. Gently fold back the ear flap to expose the ear canal and whilst holding the ear cleaner over the opening of the ear, gently apply enough solution to fill the ear canal.



3. After applying the solution, gently massage the base of the ear to distribute the ear cleaner to distribute the ear cleaning solution as far as possible into the ear and to loosen wax and debris. You may wish to talk to your pet to reassure them and keep them calm.



4. The ear should be massaged for 10 seconds. Then stop and allow your pet to shake their head. Some solution may come out of the ear. Once your pet has finished shaking their head, take a cotton wool ball or cotton pad and gently rub the inside of the ear to remove dirt, debris and excess solution. **Never use cotton buds as these may harm your pet's ears.**



5. Once you have finished wiping their ears, reward your pet with a tasty treat so they associate ear cleaning with getting rewarded.