

Tips

Helpful Tips & Tricks

This section will have information, tips and tricks, and/or stories on a variety of health issues that can effect your puppy or adult dog. Our hope is that this will provide you with information you can use to determine when you need to get your pet to a vet ASAP.

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Tick Removal

Removing a tick from your dog's body is probably one of the least things you'll want to do. But you do need to get this pest off your pet. The easiest way I have found is to use a cotton swab, wet it with rubbing alcohol, then hold it over the tick's body for about a minute. Then slowly test to see if the tick just slides off. If you need to use any pressure pulling the tick off, hold the swab over it a little longer as the rubbing alcohol will make the tick "back out" and release it's hold. This method should get the entire tick if you hold the soaked swab long enough around the tick's body.

Using a cotton swab also prevents your fingers from touching the tick body. Once removed, flush down the toilet.

De-Skunking Recipe:

- * 1 quart (3%) hydrogen peroxide
- * 3/4 cup baking soda
- * 1 teaspoon Dawn dishwashing liquid

Mix all 3 ingredients together in a gallon container just before putting dog into the tub. Soak dog/cat completely. Apply mixture to animal and work in thoroughly. Allow lather to sit on pet for 5 minutes. I usually use this time to flush out the eyes. Rinse, rinse, rinse thoroughly, then follow up with a scented conditioner. There is no need for any other shampoo unless dog is filthy as well as skunked.

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