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Homeopathic medicines to have on hand.

Now might be is the time to start planning some homeopathic remedies you want to carry in your medicine cabinet ... before your dog needs them!

Although homeopathy can be challenging to apply in chronic cases, it's really quite easy for dog owners to effectively treat simple, acute cases with just a few remedies.

Having some of these remedies readily available can make the difference between a fast and slow recovery for your dog.

Sometimes, a homeopathic remedy can cause symptoms to temporarily worsen slightly, as it triggers the body's curative response.

Homeopathy is a form of 'energy medicine' that uses remedies that are made from highly diluted natural compounds.

Homeopathy works on the principle of 'like cures like', meaning that the diluted, homeopathic form of a compound can be helpful in alleviating the symptoms that that compound causes in its basic form.

For example, the homeopathic remedy **Apis Mellifica is made from Bee venom.**

In its crude form, bee venom can cause itching, burning, stinging pain. In its homeopathic form, Apis can help to alleviate.

If given shortly after symptoms are seen, the right remedy can help your dog recover much more quickly.

Having the right remedies on hand can be especially important if you don't have immediate access to quality veterinary care or could not afford it ... although they can also be a life saver while you're driving on the way to your vet with an emergency!

Acute disorders are illnesses and injuries that happen suddenly, often with obvious symptoms.

Because acute problems are quite easy for us to identify, knowing or finding the right remedy can be a fairly simple project.

See this short list of possible dog problems & corresponding remedies that you can use to quickly reduce symptoms.

INSECT BITES AND STINGS

Key Symptoms	Remedy
Stung area is swollen, bruised and painful.	Arnica montana followed by: Ledum palustre
Stung area is very inflamed and appears blistered	Cantharis
Allergic reaction to the sting	Carbolic acid
Stung area is red, feels hot and swollen	Apis mellifica

FOREIGN BODIES (thorns AND SPLINTERS)

Key Symptoms	Remedy
Foreign bodies	Silicea, Myristica sebifera

HOT SPOTS

Key Symptoms	Remedy
Red or white with swelling	Apis mellifica
Sudden heat and redness	Belladonna
Yellow, oozing discharge	Graphites

POISONING, VOMITING AND DIARRHEA

Key Symptoms	Remedy
Vomiting with frequent straining and small amounts of stool	Nux vomica
Vomiting with watery stools, thirst and dehydration	Arsenicum album

KENNEL COUGH

Key Symptoms	Remedy
Ticklish throat, aggravated by pressure on throat and lying down	Drosera
Early stages and fever	Aconitum napellus
Dry cough aggravated by motion, abdominal breathing	Bryonia

SHOCK

Key Symptoms	Remedy
Shock	Aconitum napellus
Shock due to blood loss	Arnica and China

CUTS AND LACERATIONS

Key Symptoms	Remedy
Puncture wounds and cuts with jagged edges	Hypericum perforatum
Trauma – in shock with bruising and bleeding	Arnica montana

ALLERGIC REACTIONS

Key Symptoms	Remedy
Hot, red swelling – bee & insect bites	Apis mellifica
Bumpy, itchy rash	Rhus toxicodendron

BREAKS, SPRAINS AND STRAINS

Key Symptoms	Remedy
Muscle Strain	Arnica montana followed by Calendula officinalis
Joint Sprain	Arnica montana followed by Rhus toxicodendron, Ruta graveolens

Gas and bloat - Carbo vegetabilis is made from charcoal, and is used for the alleviation of gas.

It is a great remedy to keep on hand for dogs that are prone to bloat. Weakness, shock and general exhaustion indicate the need for carbo veg.

Skin complaints - Thuja occidentalis is indicated for the treatment of warts and skin complaints.

It is also used to help with adverse vaccine reactions, especially those reactions that cause skin problems

Purchase your remedies in 30c potency.

A dose for all dogs, regardless of size, is three pellets.

The more acute the injury, the more often you should dose.

For sudden, traumatic episodes, you can repeat every five to 90 minutes and for milder cases, every day or two.

Once you see an improvement in symptoms, stop giving the remedy.

As always it is recommend that you consult with your vet who's familiar with the use of homeopathy, when using this modality for your dog.