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Looking at healing herbs and symptoms for dogs

Arnica montana or Nux vomica.

Aconitum napellus (Monkshood).

For symptoms after great fears, stresses, chills, or sudden and dramatic changes in weather.

Dramatic display of symptoms after these situations.

Great anxiety and fear in the patient, that "deer in the head lights" look.

Very acute symptoms often before physical or pathological changes occur.

Sudden onset fever with a thirsty patient, abortions, founder, colic, convulsions, and pneumonia.

Agaricus (Amanita muscaria).

For symptoms associated with frostbite, chilblains, and poisonings.

Gangrene from freezing of tissues.

Tails, feet, ears, etc. damaged by freezing.

Allium cepa (Red Onion).

Catarrh, coryza, and hay fever where discharge from eyes is watery and from the nose is acrid, leaving raw streaks where it drips.

Antimonium tartarticum (Tartar emetic).

For respiratory conditions where there is a heavy rattling in the chest.

Pneumonias, bronchitis, asthma and whooping cough with thick white mucous, difficulty breathing, and deep cough.

Apis (Honey bee poison).

For tissues that are edematous, red, hot and extremely painful. Hives.

Argentum nitricum (Silver nitrate).

Useful for animals afraid to come into enclosed spaces or through narrow openings.

Emotional diarrhea.

Arnica montana (Leopard's Bane).

For the effects of trauma of any sort.

Bruising, bleeding, traumatic swellings, post parturient trauma – especially where the patient is standoffish and doesn't want help.

Pains after delivery.

Arsenicum album (White arsenic).

One of the premier remedies for the gastrointestinal tract.

Characterized by violent nausea and diarrhea, foul/putrid diarrhea, diarrhea containing undigested material, pain in the abdomen.

Conditions accompanied with restlessness, extreme chilliness, and a thirst for sips of cold water that are vomited.

Suddenness of symptoms, prostration, weakness, and collapse.

Severe burns.

Baptisia tinctoria (Wild indigo).

Remedy for influenzas that cause a profound prostration, weakness of the neck so head cannot be held in position, and with the inability to swallow food, only water.

Belladonna (Deadly nightshade).

Symptom complexes characterized by sudden and high fevers, redness, pain, thirstlessness, dilated pupils and panting.

Great remedy for small children with bright red, painful ears who wake up screaming in pain.

Also a good remedy for migraine headaches when there is extreme sensitivity to light and noise.

Heatstroke.

Any condition with red, burning, dry mucous membranes or tissues.

Red eruptions on the skin with high fevers.

Bryonia alba (Wild hops).

Any condition worse from any movement. Pleurisy and pneumonia when even the movement of breathing is painful.

Calcarea phosphoricum.

For those runts and stunted infants that won't grow.

Calendula officinalis (English marigold).

Well indicated for jagged, ragged, extremely painful cuts and abrasions.

Cantharis (Blister beetle, Spanish fly).

Primarily a remedy for blistered burns but also indicated in cystitis where there is a burning and urging to urinate.

Also indicated in conditions where there is a concomitant of burning and urging in the bladder.

Carbo vegetabilis (Vegetable carbon).

For bloating and conditions of trapped gas in the intestinal tract.

Colics, volvulus and gastric torsions where there is bloating.

Collapse, near death, with pale and/or blue mucous membranes.

Caulophyllum (Blue cohosh).

A remedy whose sphere of action is seated in the female reproductive system—spasmodic labor pains without progress, weak labor pains ... extremely painful contractions, false labor pains, abortions with weak contractions and very slight hemorrhage, profuse hemorrhage after delivery...retained placenta from uterine atony/weakness, and/or extended after pains particularly after extended, exhausting labor.

Chamomilla (Chamomile).

Marked symptoms in young associated with teething. Excoriating, **green mucous diarrhea associated with teething.**

China officinalis (Peruvian bark).

Historically used for malarial or remittent fevers.

On the farm it is a useful remedy when the patient is collapsed from the loss of bodily fluids—diarrhea, vomiting, bleeding, lactation, etc.

Also for bloating colics not relieved by the passing of gas.

Cocculus (Indian cockles).

Severe nausea with vertigo.

Motion sickness.

Carsickness with nausea and vomiting.

Colocynthis (Bitter apple).

Cramping colics that bend the patient double. Relief is felt if bent double or if hard pressure is applied.

Crotalus horridus (Rattle snake venom).

Causes a breakdown of the blood, either locally or systemically. Bleeding, sepsis, decomposition of the tissues, blackish blood from orifices.

Drosera (Sundew).

A good remedy for repetitive, dry, barking coughs. Kennel cough.

Dulcamara (Bittersweet).

A good remedy for symptoms which are worse in the cold and damp or that come on when the weather changes from hot to cold and damp.

Eupatorium perfoliatum (Boneset).

When there are influenza type symptoms with a loose cough and catarrh accompanied with musculoskeletal pain, especially in the bones.

Bones too painful to walk, sit, or lie down comfortably with accompanying respiratory symptoms.

Euphrasia (Eye-bright).

Eyes watery, tearing, excoriations around eye, conjunctivitis, swelling of tissues surrounding eyeball – all the symptoms that make this a good remedy for pink eye.

Ferrum phosphoricum.

For respiratory symptoms of acute onset but vague symptoms, often with nosebleeds.

Gelsemium sempervirens.

One of the principle remedies of the Spanish Flu Epidemic of 1917.

Very sudden onset of deep respiratory symptoms, maybe with suffocation caused by bleeding into the lung.
Performance anxiety.

Glonoinum (Nitro-glycerine).

Sunstroke remedy. Clammy, and has a severe headache in which the patient is faint, weak, pale.

Gunpowder.

No formal proving but information is from Clarke's work and from the experience of soldiers during WWI.
Indicated in any open wound that is or may become infected.

Hepar Sulph (Sulphide of Calcium).

This was one of Hahnemann's premier remedies.
It finds application for any condition, especially of the skin, with exquisite sensitiveness, cannot bear even the slightest touch.
Tendency to abscess, very painful abscesses or developing abscesses.

Hydrastis (Golden Seal).

The guiding characteristic of this remedy is a tendency to produce thick muroid or purulent discharges for the affected tissue.
Respiratory conditions have a thick, ropy, tenacious mucous.
Uterine and vagina discharges are thick and ropy and may accompany retained placentas.
In the digestive tract, there is atrophy of the liver, mucous secretion into the gastrointestinal tract with accompanying weight loss.
To control the pain of cancer, especially liver cancer.

Hypericum (St. John's Wort).

This is a remedy no home should be without.

Hypericum is the remedy when there is trauma to highly enervated tissues – crushed fingers and toes, spinal injuries, broken tails, after dental work.

The pains of Hypericum shoot along the nerves.

This is a really good remedy for children who have had their orthodontics adjusted.

Hypericum is also indicated for deep puncture wounds such as nail punctures, cat bites, or injection site reactions.

It is said to prevent tetanus in these situations.

Ipecacuanha (Ipecac).

Ipecacuanha is a remedy with two distinct indications.

First is its use in nausea and vomiting, especially if the vomit is clear mucous like egg whites.

Patient vomits then has the urge to vomit again.

Profuse salivation can accompany nausea.

The second indication for Ipecac is in bleeding tendencies where it may look similar to Phosphorus – bright red blood from any or every orifice. Especially if accompanied with nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea.

Kali bichromicum (Bichromate of pot- ash).

Once you have seen the snot of a Kali bichromicum patient you will never forget it.

The respiratory symptoms of a Kali bichromicum patient are characterized by a thick, ropy, elastic, rubbery yellow to green mucous that can form a streamer nearly a foot long from the nose.

Other discharges tend to have the same character whether it is a vaginal discharge or mastitis milk.

Lachesis (Bushmaster venom).

Left sided symptoms or symptoms that start left and move right.

Bluish lesions and swellings. Sepsis. Rabies miasm.

Ledum (Marsh Tea).

This remedy has the reputation of being the remedy for bite wounds or insect stings, especially when the affected area is cold and is made better by cold applications.

The same holds true for puncture wounds.

Historically Ledum has proven effective in preventing or stopping tetanus after puncture wounds.

Currently it is used by many homeopaths to treat Lyme disease.

Millefolium (Yarrow).

Along with Phosphorus and Ipecacuanha, Millefolium is indicated in cases of profuse hemorrhage of bright red blood.

Nux vomica (Poison nut).

A remedy of excesses. Indicated when there are conditions arising from overeating – indigestion, diarrhea, vomiting, tenesmus, rectal prolapse especially when the animal is irritable and short tempered.

Phosphorus.

The symptoms of Phosphorus are seen throughout the body.

Predominant among these are a tendency to hemorrhage bright red blood and small wounds that bleed excessively.

Phosphorus is an important remedy in diarrheas, pneumonias, reproductive disorders, and skin disorders of various sorts.

The typical Phosphorus patient is quick, nervous, and fearful (especially of thunderstorms and sudden loud noises) ...

and has a real driving thirst for cold water (which is vomited once it becomes warm in the stomach).

Phytolacca (Poke root).

Inflammation, swelling and suppuration of the mammae; pain in the mammae; mastitis with hardness from the beginning;

Fullness and lumps in the mammae; abscesses and fistulae; tumors and cancers that are sensitive and painful.

Abortions threatening in the last trimester, barren females, and abnormal cycles of the menses are also common symptoms of Phytolacca.

Podophyllum.

When there are symptom complexes that have diarrhea as a concomitant, you must think of Podophyllum.

The diarrhea of Podophyllum is described as intense, watery, painful, and profuse following nausea and followed by weakness and exhaustion.

Pulsatilla.

A polychrest with many indications.

Acutely it is used in conditions with thick, bland discharges and/or with birthing difficulties and fetal malpositions.

Pyrogenium.

Made from lean steak placed in the sun for two weeks.

Sepsis, especially purpural sepsis. Low states, septicemia, devitalization and necrosis of tissues.

Rhus toxicodendron (Poison oak).

If you have ever experienced a case of poison oak or poison ivy, you have a good idea for the indications of Rhus toxicodendron for skin symptoms.

Of importance is the use of Rhus toxicodendron for strains and sprains in the joints and for lameness that is better for movement and worse for rest.

Ruta (Rue).

Lameness that may look much like Rhus toxicodendron except more from bruising and injuries of the bones.

Sepia officinalis (Cuttle fish ink).

Primarily considered to be a female remedy but has applications for both sexes.

Sepia patients have a tendency to abort in the middle trimester and to retain the placenta after abortion.

There is a tendency to sterility, to uterine infections with vaginal discharges, and prolapses.

For the females that do give live births, there is a tendency for them to be poor mothers – abandoning the young, attacking the young, having nothing to do with the young.

Silicea (Silica).

This is another of the remedies whose chief sphere of action is chronic disease but also has application in acute disease and acute exacerbations of chronic disease.

Silicea is an excellent remedy for resolving abscesses.

The abscesses of Silicea are slow to suppurate.

Silicea will either force the abscess to drain or to be absorbed.

This makes it an excellent remedy for lameness due to abscesses in the hoof.

Silicea will also help resolve swollen glands, whether due to abscesses or not.

Another asset of Silicea is that it will force the expulsion of foreign bodies – splinters, porcupine quills, etc.

Symphytum (Comfrey).

Known as boneset by herbalists, Symphytum has the same action in potency.

It is indicated in fractured bones, non or delayed union fractures, and pain from fractures to speed healing.

Symphytum is also indicated for blunt trauma to the eye.

Thuja occidentalis (Eastern White Cedar).

Pedunculated, cauliflower like warts.

Slow hair regrowth or dry, dull hair.

Cookbook homeopaths give it after vaccinations (inappropriately).

Blanco considers **Ledum** first in cases of animal bites, insect bites and punctures.

“One of the amazing things about **Ledum** is it’s been shown in people, at least, and I suspect in animals as well to prevent tetanus if it’s given early enough in the wound time.

So you’ll hear admonitions to go out and get a tetanus shot if you’ve been bitten by a dog or you stepped on something or your horse has or your dog has impaled themselves.

I’d get the **Ledum** out and odds of getting tetanus I think are very slim,” Falconer says.