

## Natural Protection for your Pets

In this day and age we all ask questions about what we put in our own bodies, and increasingly what we put in the bodies of our pets. We want to give our pets the best protection possible but want to get away from the large amounts of artificial chemicals that we use on them. But what alternatives are there?

There are natural products available that offer protection from fleas, ticks, mites and mosquitoes. One is a product called **Dyna-mite**. This is available as a shampoo or an insect repellent. **Dyna-mite** shampoo contains Citronella Oil, Lavender, Citrus Extract and Tea Tree Oil and for the best results it is recommended that you shampoo weekly during the peak months. The repellent contains Citronella, Lavender, Tea Tree Oil, Lemongrass, Penny Royal and Cedarwood. This is good value for money because it can be diluted 10ml to 1 litre, and for heavy infestations will need to be applied twice a week but an application can last up to 4 weeks.

**Pennyroyal Dog and Cat Shampoo** is a high quality shampoo from Dorwest Herbs. Pennyroyal is a plant that has a volatile oil in its leaves this gives off a strong minty aroma, and has been used to ward off mites and fleas since Roman times.

Also available are **Garlic tablets** and **Garlic & Fenugreek tablets** from Dorwest Herbs. These products not only have the benefit of keeping away fleas, ticks and mosquitoes – parasites don't like the strong smell/taste – but garlic is a symptomatic treatment for coughs and bronchial conditions, and has many beneficial effects for the general health of your pet. The **Garlic & Fenugreek** also offer relief from rheumatism, arthritis, skin conditions and minor infections.

**Garlic Juice** (Dorwest Herbs) is another good product to have to hand. You can spray it on a comb and comb it through your pets coat for flea protection. It also has natural antiseptic properties, so it is ideal for cleaning paws and ears, and for soothing scratches and skin abrasions.

Other natural products and their uses are listed below.

Dorwest Herbs **Mixed Vegetable tablets** are a traditional remedy for the symptomatic relief of arthritis, rheumatism, skin and kidney disorders. They help to maintain urinary flow and ensure that the bladder is completely emptied, helping to relieve urinary problems like incontinence.

Dorwest Herbs **Scullcap & Valerian tablets** are a traditional remedy for the relief of nervousness, anxiety and travel sickness, also good to control the territorial spraying in cats that is often the problem with neutered males.

Dorwest Herbs **Cod Liver Oil capsules** help to maintain general health and helps maintain mobile and supple joints.

Dorwest Herbs **Evening Primrose Oil capsules and liquid** is an excellent way to maintain healthy skin condition and alleviate dry skin problems.

Dorwest Herbs **Keepers Mix** helps keep dogs and cats in good condition, acting as a tonic to all major organs.

Dorwest Herbs **Tree Bark Powder** is an ideal food to aid poor digestion.

These are just some of the natural products available to keep your pet in tip top condition. Come and see the full range of natural pet products, and what they can treat, at Paws 4 Pets in Silves. We are continually investigating new products and expanding our ranges, so pop in for a chat and we will see if we can help.

Protect your pet with knowledge

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