



Natural Help for...

Dog Mites



What are Mites?

Mites are incredibly diverse and successful little creatures that belong to the arachnid family. While it may not be a pleasant thought, these **eight-legged invertebrates are all around us** and live in our homes, on our skin and on our pets.

In many cases, mites go unnoticed as the majority of them are microscopic and do not cause us any harm. However, there **are a large variety of mite species** and some of them can become problematic to both people and their pets.

One of the most concerning, and largest mites to affect our dogs are ticks. These blood-sucking parasites can **cause a number of diseases** including the serious Lyme Disease.

Other mites known to attack our pets include:

- **Sarcoptes scabiei** mites are particularly troublesome and when they infest your pet, they can cause sarcoptic mange or canine scabies. These mites are more prone to affect dogs and actually burrow into the skin of your pet to lay their eggs.
- **Demodex** mites usually live in the hair follicles of pets without causing any problems. It is only when a dog has a suppressed or immature immune system that these mites over-produce and can cause demodectic mange.
- **Notoedres cati** are mites that predominantly affect cats and are responsible for a type of mange known as feline scabies.
- **Cheyletiella mites** / **fur mites** are larger than most and can be seen with the naked eye. It causes Cheyletiella mange which is often referred to as walking dandruff because of the scales and flakes these mites produce.
- **Ear mites** are very contagious and while they can live anywhere on your pet's body, they tend to infest the ears of dogs and can cause serious ear irritation and damage if not treated.

What Causes Mite Infestation?

Some mites such as demodectic mites occur naturally in small numbers on your pet and are **often transmitted from mother to young** in the first weeks of life. These mites are usually harmless and they only cause a problem in pets with weak immune systems. A weakened immune system means that these mites are not being kept in check and are able to over-populate.

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Other mites such as those that cause canine scabies are highly contagious and can be transmitted if your pet **comes into contact with other [dogs with mites](#)** or environments where infected animals have been.

Diagnosing Mite Infestation

Mites, aside from ticks, are usually only noticed when skin problems and mange become evident. Mange is usually characterized by **[itchy skin](#), hair loss and general skin irritation**, and if your pet shows any of these symptoms then a thorough examination at your local vet is necessary.

Skin scrapings and biopsies can sometimes help to **determine what type of mite is causing the trouble**, although, in some cases these tests are not accurate. Many cases of mange are diagnosed based on a physical examination, as well as a thorough description of your pet's history and presenting symptoms.

Help for Mite Infestation

Conventional methods of eradicating mites will often depend on the type of mite living on your pet. However, most **conventional treatments will involve some type chemical based lotion**, dip or shampoo. Many of these products contain harsh chemicals such as amitraz, ivermectin, and selamectin which often come with warnings and side-effects.

In some cases, oral medication can be prescribed however, it is always important to remember that these drugs work because they are poisons that kill the mites, so be sure to **research side-effects and any possible health risks** before giving them to your pet.

Natural Remedies

Like many parasites, [mites on dogs](#) are not always easy to get rid of. Luckily, there are a number of natural herbal ingredients that can be used as a **safe and effective alternative to the harsh chemicals** present in so many conventional mite treatments. A commonly used herb used to get rid of a number of parasites (including mites) is Garlic which has become renowned for its natural repellent and antibacterial properties.

Another beneficial herbal ingredient that can be used when [treating pets for mites](#) is Wormwood. This natural pesticide has been used for centuries as a **natural parasite repellent** and is frequently used to rid pets of mange, worms and [ear mites](#).

Neem and Lemongrass also act as natural insecticides and their natural skin healing properties help to soothe irritated skin and **promote healing after a nasty mite infestation**. Lastly, the herbal ingredient Niaoli works as an antiseptic, and helps to cleanse and heal the skin. It also works as an excellent tissue stimulant and can be given to pets to help the skin heal and re-build after a mange infestation.

Tips for treating and preventing mite infestations



Michele Carelse, Clinical Psychologist



All of our natural remedies are formulated by our expert team of herbalists, naturopaths and homeopaths, and headed by Michele Carelse.

Michele has had years of experience in the manufacturing and use of natural remedies for both people and pets. In addition, she is a trained Clinical Psychologist and has been incorporating natural remedies into her treatment of patients with depression, anxiety, ADD, ADHD and stress for many years with spectacular results.

- Certain mites can be avoided by boosting your pet's immune system. It is thus essential to take measure to ensure your pet is healthy. This will include regular exercise, a healthy balanced diet and regular check-ups at the vet.
- Some mites are very contagious and can be picked up at socialization and training classes, as well as public kennels or other contaminated environments. While avoiding these areas and activities is not always possible, it helps to know if your pet may be at risk so early signs of infestation can be picked up.
- If your pet has been infected with mites, then you may need to treat other pets in the household as well as treating bedding, collars, brushes and carpeting that your pet may have been in contact with.
- Groom your pet and check their fur ticks and other parasites regularly, especially after walking in long grass.
- Mite infestations are serious and should never be ignored. Make an appointment with your pet's vet at the first sign of severe itchiness or hair loss.
- Avoid giving your pet harsh pharmaceutical drugs and chemicals if you can. These products can suppress the immune system and cause toxicity build up in your pet.
- Ivermectin is commonly used to [treat mange mites](#) however; it can be fatal to certain breeds and should not be used in Collies and other herding breeds to treat mites.

The Natural Approach

While Western medicine has become the norm in many cultures, it is not the only treatment option. Conventional western medicine, often called allopathic medicine, is the system of medicine taught at most medical schools and most pharmaceutical and synthetic medicines are manufactured and marketed according to the principles of allopathic medicine. Allopathic medicine is also sometimes called orthodox medicine.

Because most of us in the Western world have grown up in a society in which allopathic medicine is the prevailing norm, we forget that, only a few decades ago, homeopathic, herbal and other natural medicines were commonly available – and freely used even by conventional doctors and veterinarians. While there are often heated debates about which system of medicine is 'better' than the other, many responsible doctors and vets (whether they are allopathic or not) recognize that both have a role to play in the treatment program.

Just like humans, domesticated animals like dogs and cats are affected by the health hazards of modern living. Pollution, poor nutrition, stress and unhealthy lifestyles can lead to a variety of illnesses and conditions that are very similar to those experienced by humans. In fact, many, if not most pet health concerns can be addressed by helping your pets to live a healthier lifestyle. While it has its place, conventional medicine for animals and 'modern technology' have failed our pets in many ways.

According to pet expert and author CJ Puotinen, most holistic veterinarians and animal health care professions list annual vaccinations and commercial pet foods as the major contributory cause in the rising rates of chronic illness in pets today. Similarly, Juliette de Bairacli Levy, respected author and renowned animal breeder, points out that contrary to the belief that mass vaccination and antibiotic

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use will contribute to a decrease in disease, the opposite has in fact proved true. Like their human counterparts, today's pets are becoming more and more vulnerable to chronic disease and ill health. This has led many veterinarians to search for alternatives and to espouse more holistic methods of keeping our pets healthy.

"In the wild, animals instinctively seek out healing herbs to help them when they are ill or undernourished. In fact, Asclepius, the ancient Greek god of medicine, respected dogs very highly for their ability to seek out and eat medicinal herbs in the wild. This ability is shared by other animals, including cats. We are coming to realize that nature often has the answers - but animals have always known this! Natural medicine can help your pet just as it can help you. While there is always a place for conventional veterinary medicine, natural medicine can compliment conventional veterinary care and in many cases do just as well. I have applied the same care and research that have gone into our Native Remedies range for adults and children to the development of pet-friendly, safe and effective natural remedies for animals. As always, all remedies are formulated to the highest therapeutic standards and manufactured under strict pharmaceutical conditions for your peace of mind and the well being of your pets." Michele Carelse, Clinical Psychologist.

"When a veterinary surgeon practices the use of homeopathic medicine and is asked why he does so, he may give one of several answers. The simple answer would be that the results are good, an emphatic answer would be that homeopathic treatment has no unpleasant or dangerous side effects, while still achieving successful results.

The [PetAlive Homeopathic range](#) has been formulated with this knowledge and is specifically designed to treat your pet in a holistic and natural manner."

Dr. Glenn Ferguson
M-Tech Homeopathy, Doctor of Chinese Medicine

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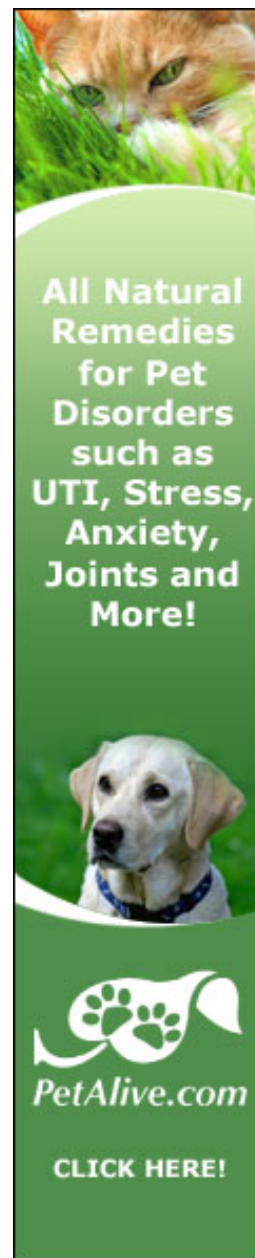
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There is a great deal of evidence to suggest that the use of **carefully chosen herbal ingredients** can help to **support skin health**. Along with the correct lifestyle choices, our herbal remedies can make all the difference to your pet's health.

Manage Mites Spray contains absolutely no parabens, sodium laurel sulphate or harmful petrochemicals and comes in a natural liquid form.

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4) Manufacturing is done strictly according to the principles of GMP (Good Manufacturing Practice) and all raw ingredients undergo stringent testing before being approved by our registered manufacturing pharmacists.

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With the increasing popularity of aromatherapy, reflexology, color & crystal therapy and a return to a more holistic lifestyle, people have begun searching for ways to earn more money; expand their skills; improve the health of themselves, friends & family; and increase their knowledge of alternative medicine.

The Alternative Healing Academy has developed several new courses in the holistic health care field for those who would like the opportunity to learn a healing modality at their own pace and in their own homes.

A Doctor of Reflexology with The Alternative Healing Academy is teaching classes with curriculum very similar to the Reflexology Practitioner Course and the Basic Aromatherapy at her local community college.

Our holistic health courses were developed by professionals in the Holistic Health Care field trained in the following modalities: Aromatherapy, Advanced/Master Aromatherapy, Reiki, Tuning Fork Therapy, Color and Crystal Therapy, Homeopathy, Herbalism, and Advanced Reflexology.

Furthermore, since we at the Alternative Healing Academy also realize that not everyone wants to make alternative medicine a career choice, we also offer [basic courses](#) as well as several [Mini Courses](#) which will teach you the skills you need to help improve the health and quality of life for yourself, your family and your friends.

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All graduates of an Alternative Healing Academy home study course will receive a 20% discount off [AHHA Practitioner Membership](#) if they meet qualifying criteria and join within six months of their graduation date.

About Our Courses

Would you like to learn accurate, detailed aromatherapy, reflexology and/or color & crystal therapy information at your own pace in the comfort of your home? Would you like to become certified in Reflexology, Aromatherapy or Color and Crystal Therapy? An Alternative Healing Academy Distance Learning Course could be what you're looking for...

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Common Questions Asked About Holistic Health Distance Learning Courses:

What is Certification?



Most schools will offer an exam that tests the student's knowledge of the material taught in the respective course. Upon successful completion of this exam, a Certificate or Diploma will be issued by the school attesting that the student has successfully met the requirements as specified by that school. The only governmental recognition of Aromatherapy in North America is the occupational title designation granted to the BCAA under the Societies Act of British Columbia.

What is a Certified Aromatherapist or Reflexologist?

Most prospective students want to know whether taking our courses will lead to their becoming 'Certified' in that healing modality, thereby leading to the title of Certified Aromatherapist, Certified Reflexologist or Certified Color/Crystal Therapist. The answer to this really depends on what you mean by 'Certified.' We believe it can be misleading to purport that completing a course in a healing modality such as reflexology, aromatherapy or color/crystal therapy will lead to a designation of 'Certified' Therapist. These are not official

title designations nor are they ones which are recognized by any country's governmental body. All that these titles mean is that this is what an Individual Instructor, School or Institution decided to put on the Diploma it awards those who successfully complete their course.

What is an accredited course in Aromatherapy or Reflexology?

The answer to this will depend on who you are asking. At the present time, British Columbia is the only government to recognize Aromatherapy as a distinct profession and has granted Occupational Title Protection to the members of the BCAA (British Columbia Alliance of Aromatherapy) with the exclusive right for its members to call themselves Registered Aromatherapists (R.A.).

At this time, neither Reflexology nor Color/Crystal Therapy have such occupational designations in any country although one prominent Reflexology school in Colorado, The Modern Institute of Reflexology, has gained occupational designation for their institution in that state. MIR has been designated by the Colorado State Division of Private Occupational Schools - Dept. of Higher Education as an approved school. Our Reflexologist who developed the reflexology modules for our courses was trained at MIR as a Certified Reflexologist, a Master Reflexologist and a Dr. of Reflexology.

In the United States, the NAHA (National Association for Holistic Aromatherapy) has put into place their Approved Standards for Aromatherapy Training. The Alternative Healing Academy's Advanced Aromatherapy course meets and exceeds these standards and we are in the application process of becoming an approved program through the NAHA.

In Canada, there are a number of different Associations including the BCAPA (British Columbia Association of Practicing Aromatherapists) and the CFA (Canadian Federation of Aromatherapists). Time will tell if one authoritative body or association becomes the standard by which to judge and govern the educational offerings of these alternative healing modalities.

It has to be noted that NO form of aromatherapy "certification" is currently recognized in the USA by anyone other than those in the trade, nor is aromatherapy (or essential oils in the aromatherapy trade) regulated by any governmental body.

Some information about the courses we offer:

1) You can receive the course in one of two ways: A cd with the modules and tests in PDF format can be shipped to you; or, The modules can be emailed to you three at a time. Each time you complete the tests for the current three modules, a new set of three modules will be emailed to you.

2) All modules are clearly explained, are in pdf format and fully

illustrated.

3) The Advanced Aromatherapy Practitioner and the Advanced Reflexology Practitioner courses are designed to meet the National Association for Holistic Aromatherapy (NAHA) guidelines.

4) A tutor will be available via email to answer any questions you may have.

You will be contacted after purchase to find out how you would like your course delivered. All tests for the course can be either emailed or snail-mailed to The Alternative Healing Academy.

Upon successful completion of any full diploma or certification course (with a score of 80% or higher), you will receive a beautiful Diploma, suitable for framing.



Course Testimonials

"I'm done! Going through the final and the case studies and having such amazing experiences and opportunities to help people, I truly feel blessed and honored to have had the intense education that came with this course. I discovered in me a new ability to serve others, not only through education but through the power of healing that comes with the use of essential oils. I am continuing to train personally with Alexandria Brighton and have begun work toward opening an aromatherapy practice. Thank you so much for your patience and knowledge. Most of all thank you for this new way of living and enjoying Life."

-A. Lindquist - Advanced Aromatherapy Practitioner

"I am finding the course great. It is written very well so even people like me can understand the human body a whole lot better. I just hope that I can remember it all. I don't think I have a chance of remembering the names of everything in the muscular system or the movement system. But, I do have more of an understanding of how everything works now. I find it just amazing. Thanks Heaps."

-M. Oliver - Basic Anatomy & Physiology

"This information is great that you are teaching. I would really like to talk my oldest daughter into taking your course. It really goes into detail which is very informative."

-Debbie F. - Basic Reflexology

"Seven years ago I started to see a reflexologist for migraines and sinus problems. I was amazed that I finally found relief without medication. I decided this year to search out a course in reflexology so I could help family and friends and show them the benefits of reflexology. I researched various courses on the internet and decided to go with the basic course through the Alternative Healing Academy. I was impressed with course material and the ease of receiving the course material."

"I was given an choice of having a CD sent to me or to receiving and sending back the assignments through email. I choose email. I received 3 lessons at a time that I could read and study on my own time frame and return the lessons when I was done. Everything was sent in a very timely manner and communication was open and quick. If I needed help, I knew it was only a click away and the response time was very quick. The techniques used also came in a video mode in the email that I could replay as much as I needed to."

"I felt I learned a lot and am able to help myself and others. Being able to log 20 hours of treatment time and writing the case histories for the final exam was extremely rewarding and helpful. I would recommend this course to others interested in reflexology because the course material was very informative and complete and written in easy to understand language."

-Jean Russell - Basic Reflexology Course

"I'm so excited about (the Advanced Aromatherapy course) and I'm particularly excited about the possibility of making custom blends for people! I hadn't anticipated having that opportunity when I took the course so I'm excited to have everything done! I'm very excited to have finished. I really enjoyed this course and really appreciate all the work you've put into it! This has been a fabulous jumping off point for me and I'm so glad I took it."

"p.s. I know the boys are much slower at the Reflexology, but my son is loving the classes."

-Megan P. - Advanced Aromatherapy Course

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