



# Natural Help for...

## Pet Skin Disease



### What is Skin Disease?

A dog's skin is very sensitive. A cat too has sensitive skin, and for both animals a [skin disorder](#) can be very unpleasant and painful. Any **foreign particle has the ability to agitate the skin** – causing inflammation and redness which is most commonly accompanied by itching, leading to lesions and open wounds.

### Symptoms, Causes, Diagnosis and Treatment of Various Types of Skin Disease

*Bacterial Skin Infections* are commonly itchy; yellow with reddened and ulcerated skin with dry, crusted areas may be accompanied by **loss of hair and odor**. Mostly confined to the trunk, but may affect other areas. Obese dogs are frequently affected by bacterial [skin infection](#) in the skin folds on their face, lips and vulva. Staphylococci ('Staph bacteria') are the most common organisms found in bacterial [skin diseases](#), but are not contagious to humans or other pets.

*Diagnosis and treatment* Most bacterial [skin infections](#) in dogs are secondary to another disease such as parasitism, allergies, endocrine (hormonal) disorders or **abnormalities in the immune system**. Initial treatments may entail removal of the hair in and around the lesions and washing of the whole dog with antibiotic shampoos and antibiotics will also be administered orally for 3-4 weeks. (Keep in mind that antibiotics may weaken the immune system in the long term).

*Fungal Skin Infections (Ringworm)* is caused by two species of fungi: Microsporum and Trichophyton – resulting in the [skin condition](#) commonly called 'ringworm.' Ringworm is seen most commonly in young dogs with **hair loss, usually in circular patches**, a common symptom.

The head and legs are most commonly affected by ringworm, although the disease may spread over other parts of the dog's body, causing the dog to scratch. **Ringworm is contagious to humans** (children and to other household pets). Infected dogs should be kept away from children and other dogs and cats until the infection is cured and other pets in the home should be monitored for Ringworm.

*Diagnosis and treatment* A Wood's Lamp Test (ultraviolet light) can be used to help diagnose the Microsporum species only. A definite diagnosis can be obtained through a fungal culture. Treatment involves **clipping the hair around the lesions**, and special fungicidal shampoos or rinses are used.

*Allergic Skin Diseases* are common in dogs – itchy skin, nasal and eye discharges, digestive upsets and/or [skin lesions](#) are common signs of allergy. The most common allergy dogs develop is an allergy to flea saliva that causes intense itching. Dermatitis and eczema may also result from an allergy. Your pet may have a food

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allergy or contact allergy. **Itching is the primary sign of allergic skin diseases** in dogs with the affected skin appearing red and moist in patches called ‘hot spots.’

*Diagnosis and treatment* Intense itching and location of the lesions are helpful in diagnosing the type of allergy present. Flea control is the **treatment for flea allergy** while trials of special hypoallergenic diets are used to diagnose food allergies. Antihistamines and corticosteroids may be prescribed – however, Corticosteroids are potent drugs and should not be used carelessly or for long periods of time.

*Parasitic Skin Diseases* are most commonly caused by fleas, second to Mange – a type of **skin disease which is caused by mites**. There are two severe types of mange: sarcoptic mange and demodectic mange. Other parasites are ear mites, lice, and ticks that affect dogs. Their presence irritates the dog, leading to self-mutilation.

*Diagnosis and treatment:* A skin-scraping test is always performed to aid in identifying parasites. **Ear mites, are barely visible to the naked eye** and appear as small white objects. Lice, fleas and ticks can also be seen by close examination of the dog’s skin. Clipping around the affected areas and washing them with an antiseptic is done to treat the mange.

Antibiotics can be administered in cases of mange where infection may be present. Ear mites can be treated with a thorough cleaning of the dog’s ears while the animal is sedated. This treatment can be followed up with home treatments using special solutions or ointments to **kill the mites and prevent future infections**. Lice, ticks and fleas must be killed on the dog and in the dog’s environment with insecticides.

*Hormonal Skin Diseases* are caused by an imbalance in hormone production. The thyroid gland, adrenal glands, pituitary gland, testicles and ovaries all produce hormones. If excessive (‘hyper’) or deficient (‘hypo’), these hormones produce changes in the skin and hair coat. Most **hormonal problems that affect the skin** produce hair loss that is evenly distributed on each side of the dog’s body. The skin may be thicker or thinner than normal, and there may be changes in the color of the skin or hair coat. These diseases usually are not itchy.

*Diagnosis and treatment:* Some causes of hormonal skin disease, such as hypothyroidism and adrenal gland problems, can be diagnosed by special blood tests and effectively treated. Others may be more **difficult to diagnose and treat**. Skin changes related to the sex hormones can be successfully treated with surgical neutering, if this has not been performed previously.

## Help for Skin Disease

Avoiding the allergens, treating the symptoms or desensitizing your pet can **control skin allergies**. Drugs such as steroids and antihistamines may be prescribed to relieve the symptoms of itchiness and inflammation in pets, however, like any drugs – they may come with unwanted side effects and the long-term effects are not known.

Long-term steroid use is discouraged because these drugs work by **suppressing**



### 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.

**the immune system.** This means that over time your pet may be left vulnerable to infection, diabetes, and other conditions.

## Natural Remedies

Luckily for pet owners, there are many safe and natural herbal and homeopathic remedies for **animals suffering from [skin problems](#)**. Althaea officinalis root (marshmallow) is an excellent and well-known remedy for soothing the skin.

Melaleuca alternifolia can be used externally for **promoting [skin health](#) and keeping the skin clean**. Homeopathic remedies such as Ledum and Apis have excellent soothing properties and are particularly useful in soothing inflamed and irritated skin, or allergic reactions to triggers.

## Tips related to skin disease

- If you know your pet has allergies to certain food ingredients, read the food label carefully to avoid those ingredients.
- Control your pet's fleas regularly! This is key in the battle against irritated skin.
- If you bath your pets – do not bath them too often. Make sure you use a natural, gentle shampoo – and always dry them off properly.
- Never use human perfumes, moisturizers or talc on your pet's skin.
- Treat other rashes, especially fungal infections, even though they may not seem related and watch out for infection.
- Avoid dressing your pet in clothing: the skin needs to 'breathe' and in the case of dermatitis related to allergies or triggers, some detergents may be at fault for your pet's irritated skin.
- Keep your pet's nails short to avoid scratching or rubbing the itchy area

## 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

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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 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

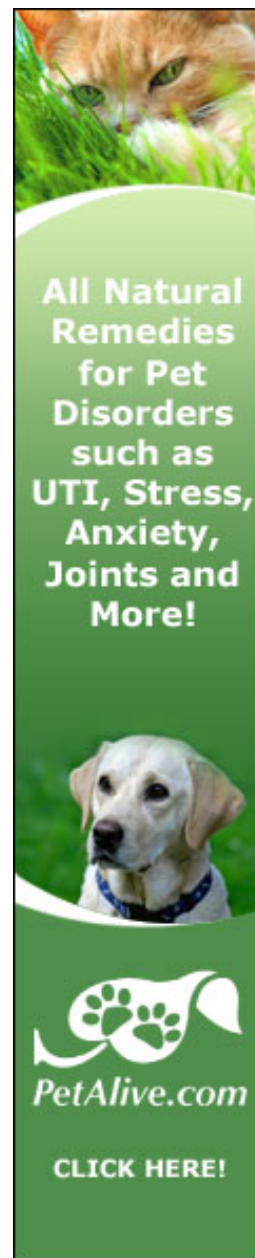
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3) All our remedies are manufactured in an FDA registered pharmaceutical facility under close supervision.

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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

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*"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

# Our Associations

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Organizational Member of the American Holistic Health Association - <http://www.ahha.org/>

Professional & Business Member of the National Association of Holistic Aromatherapy - <http://www.naha.org/>

Professional Member of the International Reflexology Association - <http://www.holisticbenefits.com/ima/international-reflexology-association.html>

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