

The Power of Essential Oils in Animal Care

Essential oils are often described as the “life force” of the plant. They comprise very small molecules, which act like hemoglobin to transport oxygen and nutrients through the plant, and remove toxins and wastes. They are also the natural “artillery” of the plant, possessing powerful anti-viral, anti-bacterial, anti-fungal, anti-tumoral, and anti-inflammatory properties. It’s no wonder that sick animals have often found healing by eating certain plants. Yet the essential oil, in its concentrated form (i.e., once it has been extracted from the plant), is much more powerful than herbs. A very small amount can have an almost instant effect, quickly penetrating the skin to be absorbed into the blood stream and cells. At the same time, the aroma of the oil can exert a powerful balancing effect on the limbic region of the brain (the centre of emotions), helping to calm and de-stress both animals and humans alike.

There are many different types of essential oil, each with their own unique qualities. Vetiver is very stilling and calming to an overactive mind, and has been used by Dr. Terry Friedman (M.D.) in his research into ADD/ADHD in children. Melaleuca alternifolia (Tea tree oil) is highly antiseptic. It can be used on open wounds, and has been studied by Dr. Eugene Sherry at the University of Sydney for its effects on MRSA. Lavender oil has been used in hospitals and aged care facilities, because of its calming effects. Many patients report a lowering in agitation, and greatly improved sleep patterns when Lavender oil has been diffused. And www.pubmed.com will provide you with numerous research experiments currently underway for Frankincense oil and cancer. This includes research by Dr. Jaime Matta into the effects of Frankincense oil on breast cancer, and research by Dr. H. K Lin into Frankincense oil and bladder cancer. Frankincense oil has also made its way into Vet medicine, with studies on its anti-tumoral effects in horses (where it is injected into the tumors). With such encouraging results, it’s no wonder that essential oils and aromatic medicine are finding their way into Veterinarian practices and general animal care, as a method of treatment, and also in conjunction with other modalities such as acupuncture, chiropractic, kinesiology, massage, Bowen, and animal training.

Tumor on mini-dachshund has shrunk

At first we thought our 7 year old, 10 lb., mini-dachshund had been stung when the side of her face/muzzle began to swell up. Then we thought maybe a bad tooth needed to be removed. However, in July, 2005, 3 out of 4 Veterinarians told us it was an inoperable tumor on her jaw that would eventually grow into her sinuses, and we would be lucky if she lived until Dec. I started using Dr Young's protocol of alternating Frankincense & Tsuga for 3 days, then Frankincense & Ledum for 3 days, then Frankincense & Lavender for 3 days, then Frankincense & Clove for 3 days, then starting over. I mixed the oils with olive oil & applied them to the tumor in her mouth, rubbed the oils on the tips of her ears & down her spine. Here it is May, 2006, the tumor has shrunk and she is a very happy, playful doxie. Author: Marlene Kosnac

Tumor on Belly

My dog, who at the age of 13 years old, had a big tumor on her belly. I treated her with frankincense, lavender, ledum and lemon to increase the white blood cells. Alternating between them, the tumor was gone after 3 months. She lived to be 17 years old. Author: Neila Schwartz

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Spayed Dog

I had my female dog, Dusty, spayed a few weeks before her second birthday. Afterward she began jumping up on the furniture and urinating. She also was submissive urinating every time we talked to her. If my husband even walked toward her she would submissive urinate (and he is her human). Dusty had never displayed this behavior before. I was told that Dr. Melissa Shelton said that a spay effects a female dog like a sexual assault on a woman. So I used Trauma Life and SARA on Dusty. The next day the inappropriate urinating stopped and Dusty was back to her normal, silly self again. In the future if I must spay one of my girls, I will be sure to have Trauma Life and SARA on hand to use right after the spay to assist with the emotional healing. Author: Shamira Natural Dog Groomer

Puppy Raindrop

A Havanese dog I groom was brought home by his pet parents when he was only six weeks old. He would suck on his dog bed, wouldn't lay on his pet parents laps, and he would bite them when they tried to brush him around his hips. I did two Raindrop Techniques on him about two weeks apart. He stopped sucking on his dog bed (or anything else), he is now a lap dog, and he stopped biting when being brushed around his hips. His pet parent stated that he changed practically overnight to the perfect dog they always wanted. Author: Shamira Natural Dog Groomer

Dog's Back and Leg Improved with Raindrop Technique and Acupuncture Using Frankincense Essential Oil

One night I woke up and touched Nelson and he yelped. I didn't think too much about it, but when we got up that morning he could barely walk. He had been fine before bed. He made it to the living room but laid down and couldn't get up. If you touched him he would yelp like it hurt him. I didn't know what to do. I had recently bought some Young Living essential oils, and had read about the raindrop therapy, but didn't know how to do it. I didn't have the raindrop oils that were recommended, but decided to just use some of what I had. I don't remember what I used, just know that I used Valor to start with and used several others. That day he stood up but was a little shaky, so my daughter started giving him the treatment 4 times a day. He just kept getting better and better, and the first of April we went to see Dr Roach. He had given Nelson some prolotherapy that had helped some but Dr Roach said Nelson's problem was nerves not ligaments and tendons. He had a new treatment that was based on prolotherapy but used Nelson's blood and some Frankincense oil. Nelson's back has not been straight since his two back surgeries and Ablation. His left hind leg would buckle on him when he tried to walk and he walked sideways. I can say that now his back is straight and he keeps his foot on the floor most of the time. We give him 2 or 3 treatments a week now and we will be going back to see Dr Roach for another treatment of prolotherapy with the Frankincense oil soon. I am so grateful we found Dr Roach. He is great. I give him the credit for Nelson's well being. Author: Sue Smith

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