

## **OILS AND ANIMALS**

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I have raised animals all my life and presently have several miniature horses as well as four teams of draft horses. I also have pygmy goats, Barbados sheep and llamas at my ranch where I reside. On my 1300 acre herb farm at Whispering Springs in Mona, Utah, I have an animal petting zoo with Bactrian camels, zeeboos from Africa (miniature Bhramas), Watusi cows and bulls, Walleroos (miniature kangaroos), llamas, buffalos, miniature donkeys, as well as horses and goats. As you can see we have a wide variety of animals.

We have used the oils extensively on many of the animals and are continually making discoveries. The animals respond extremely well and we feel they have benefited greatly. In my experience, I have found that animals respond to essential oils much the same as humans. Animals are not as sensitive to the phenol and sesquiterpene constituents so they can be applied "neat" or full strength. One needs only to determine which oils are applicable to the situation and then apply a few drops 3-4 times daily.

### **Where and How Much to Apply**

The amount for small animals, like cats and dogs is like the application for a child: 3-4 drops each time applied. For larger animals, like large dogs apply 6-7 drops, for horses, apply 15-20 drops.

After applying the oils, I have found it beneficial to cover the open wound with Rose ointment, which keeps the skin soft and helps promote the healing. I have applied the oils in the following ways.

1. Apply on their paws where absorption is very fast.
2. On cloven hoofed animals, apply on the auricular points of the ears and/or spine or both.
3. Underneath the top lip on the gums and on the tongue.
4. Sprinkle a few drops on the spine and then massage into the skin, just like with humans.

### **Conditions and Oils Applied**

For various problems I have experimented with the following oils and herbal/mineral products:

1. Strangle in horses, I used a combination of the oil blends Exodus II and Melrose together. (4 parts Exodus II to 1 part Melrose.)
2. Ear mites in cats and dogs - purification and peppermint.
3. Ticks and fleas - Tansy and tansy floral water.
4. Tumors - all animals - Frankincense and lavender mixed together, frankincense and clove mixed together.
5. Worms and parasites - all animals - Parafree and Di-tone.
6. Open wounds - all animals -Melrose, Helichrysum and gentle care Rose Ointment.
7. Trauma - all animals - Trauma Life, Valor, Peace & calming, Melissa, rosewood, lavender, valerian, and chamomile.
8. Bones - all animals - PanAway, birch or wintergreen, lemongrass and spruce.
9. Nervous anxiety with horses - Valor, Trauma Life, geranium, lavender and valerian.

10. Saddle sores - Melrose and Rose ointment.
11. Mineral deficiencies - Mineral Essence (liquid tincture, taken internally) may help meet the animals needs and when met, they will quit chewing on the furniture and engaging in other undesirable activities.
12. Tissue repair and healing directly on wound - Melrose.
13. May help with pain and stop bleeding - Helichrysum.
14. Healing of wounds and abrasions - Rose Ointment.

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