

General List of Natural Remedies

CONJUNCTIVITIS (WEEPY EYE)

Agrimony: Use a weak infusion for conjunctivitis.

Chamomile: Dissolve 5-10 drops of tincture in warm water, use for conjunctivitis or strained eyes as a wash.

Eyebright: Make an infusion and wash the eyes and add a few drops into the eyes after the wash. You could also add some of the infusion into the rabbit's water.

Meadowsweet: Use a cooled and strained infusion for conjunctivitis and other eye problems.

Motherwort: Use a weak decoction for conjunctivitis, sore or tired eyes.

Red Clover: Use 5-10 drops of tincture in 20ml water or a well-strained infusion for conjunctivitis.

Walnut leaves: Use a strained infusion or 5 drops of tincture in 20ml of warm water for conjunctivitis.

CONSTIPATION

Alfalfa: Its high fiber content will aid the rabbit's digestive track.

Borage: This is a slight laxative that will also increase milk flow in lactating does.

Cooked apples: In addition to regular feed place a bowl with peeled and cooked apple slices.

Parsley: The roots can be used to aid with constipation.

Spinach: In MODERATION! Too much of this leafy green can cause diarrhea.

DIARRHEA

Blueberry: Dried berries (fruits) help relieve diarrhea because they are rich in tannins and pectin.

Blackberry & Raspberry: Leaves fresh or dried are also high in tannin so are also very good for treating diarrhea.

Cooked Carrot: Use cooked carrots to treat diarrhea. When they're cooked, carrots seem to soothe the digestive tract and control the diarrhea while also providing nutrients that are lost.

Comfrey: Feeding the leaves will aid in controlling diarrhea and serve to stimulate appetite.

DULL COAT

Papaya: Stimulates appetite and encourages a healthy coat. You can feed it dry, or fresh in moderation. **Peanut butter:** Encourages a healthy coat and can stimulate the appetite. Use from ½ - 1 teaspoons per day.

EAR MITES

Olive Oil: Clean out the ear, carefully, remove all the brown waxy build up. Using a dropper add 6-7 drops of olive oil into each ear. Keep the rabbit from shaking its head for a few minutes so that the oil can work its way into the ear. The oil will drown and kill the mites. In addition:

Apple cider vinegar: A few tablespoons of apple cider vinegar in the water bottle is supposed to act as a repellent and general tonic.

FLEAS

Keep other pets away from rabbits. Domestic rabbits are not as naturally prone to fleas as dogs and cats.

Apple cider vinegar: When added to the water will cause a scent to be expelled by the rabbit that repels the fleas. This method is not terribly effective by itself, but it helps when combined with other methods. Add a couple of tablespoons to 32 oz of water about once a month.

Bay leaf: Dried and powdered and used on rabbits and surroundings help to repel fleas.

Brewers yeast: Feeding this to the rabbit causes a scent to be expelled by the rabbit that repels the fleas. This method is not terribly effective by itself, but it helps when combined with other methods.

Diatomaceous earth: Sprinkled on pet bedding or on the animal will kill fleas by the silicon material of the earth dehydrating them by chafing their shells which causes them to lose body fluids. You must be very careful, though, in applying it because the dust can irritate the lungs of both you and the pet.

Eucalyptus: Dried and powdered and used on rabbits and surroundings help to repel fleas.

Garlic: Feeding this to the rabbit causes a scent to be expelled by the rabbit that repels the fleas. This method is not terribly effective by itself, but it helps when combined with other methods.

Rosemary: Feeding rosemary can very effectively kill and prevent fleas, the problem is that rabbits do not care for the taste.

Sage: Dried and powdered and used on rabbits and surroundings help to repel fleas.

Sassafras: Dried and powdered and used on rabbits and surroundings help to repel fleas.

Tobacco: Dried and powdered and used on rabbits and surroundings help to repel fleas.

Vetiver: Dried and powdered and used on rabbits and surroundings help to repel fleas.

FLY REPELANT

Citronella oil: Mix approximately 10 drops of oil to 1 cup of water in a spray bottle. You need to shake the spray bottle while spraying to keep it mixed.

FUNGUS

Tea Tree Oil: Mixed approximately 20 drops to 1-1/2 cups of water in a spray bottle. You can spray it on the fungal infection, careful not to spray in the rabbit's eyes. It is an antiseptic and can be sprayed on the cage where the rabbit is kept as well.

PARASITES

Garlic: Is used to treat pinworms, roundworms, giardia (an Amoeba) and other parasitic infections. The rabbits do not find it very appealing and it may be difficult to get them to eat it.

Pumpkin: The seeds and extracts have been shown to immobilize and aid in the expulsion of intestinal worms and other parasites. Rabbits find pumpkin seeds very tasty and will readily eat them.

RESPIRATORY INFECTION (PNEUMONIA, BRONCHITIS, ETC.)

Dandelion: Is very effective in treating upper respiratory infections. Use fresh leaves, flowers and root. All of the parts can be dried and also useful to make a tea. The root is especially potent.

SKIN MITES

Tea Tree Oil: Spraying your rabbit with tea tree oil will alleviate the itching but it will not get rid of the mites. Mix approximately 20 drops to 1-1/2 cups of water in a spray bottle.

SORE HOCKS

Baking Soda: Make a paste by mixing baking soda with a little water. Add the paste to the affected area, you can also bandage the area with gauze. In addition you should treat the area with an antiseptic, and place a piece of drywall or plywood, or move the rabbit to a wooden floor, in the rabbit's cage for it to rest.

STRESS

Chamomile: If fed in moderation, excess can cause diarrhea, can calm rabbits. It could also be given as a tea in the water.

Rosehips: Is a naturally high source of vitamin C, which rabbits don't mind eating.

Vitamin C: Add a 1000 mg tablet in the water bottle and let it dissolve.

URINARY PROBLEMS

Bloody urine could be a sign of kidney stones.

Parsley: Rich in iron and copper, contains apiol which is useful in the treatment of urinary problems, seeds, leaves, and roots may be used, roots are used for constipation and intestinal obstruction

WOOL BLOCK

Dandelion: Use as an appetite stimulant or treat, also helpful to prevent wool block and ease wool block, roots or leaves can be used. Be sure that the leaves are free of pesticides and from a dog free area, wash well, use up to three leaves at a time.