

# BLUE POWER EAR TREATMENT

## AKA "THE PURPLE STUFF"

\*\*Disclaimer: I was given this recipe by a breeder friend years ago. It works for me. I am in no way imparting medical advice. I am sharing this as information only. You should contact your DVM and follow their instructions. Comments below in (parentheses) are my attempt at helpful hints. \*\*

### INGREDIENTS:

16 Oz. Isopropyl Alcohol (any strength works)

4 Tablespoons Boric Acid Powder

16 Drops Gentian Violet Solution 1%

Mix together in the alcohol bottle and shake well. You will also need to shake solution every time you use it to disperse the Boric Acid Powder.

To use, purchase the "Clairol" type plastic bottle to dispense solution to affected ears. (You can also try mustard/ketchup bottles - try the Dollar store. You'll need to clean out the tip with a toothpick every so often as the powder gets stuck.)

TREATMENT: Evaluate condition of ears before treating and if very inflamed and sore do not attempt to pull hair or clean out the ear at all. Wait until the inflammation has subsided, which will be about 2 days. (Consult your DVM)

(For General Use - ) Shake the bottle each time before using. Flood the ear with solution (angle your squirt towards the muzzle), massage gently to the count of 60 (or enough to hear the sloshing), wipe with a tissue (optional).

The dog will shake out the excess which can be wiped with a tissue, the Gentian Violet does stain fabrics (and everything else, like kitchen cabinets. Ask me how I know this... just do this OUTSIDE).

The SCHEDULE of treatment is as follows:

Treat 2x per day for the first week to two weeks depending upon severity of ears

Treat 1x per day for the next 1-2 weeks

Treat 1x per month (I do mine once a week, it's a good Monday morning habit for me.)

All of these ingredients should generally be available at a pharmacy. People have found that despite the alcohol, the dog will not object to even the first treatment. The Boric Acid Powder soothes the ear. The Gentian Violet Solution is an anti-infection agent. The solution appears to work well on any and all ear problems from mites to wax to canker. After the 2nd or 3rd day, you can clean out the ear with cotton balls. The success rate for this treatment is 95-99%. Those who do not succeed have usually not done the treatment long enough or have not been regular about it. (\*I have no idea where these numbers come from, just how it was sent to me.)

Dogs on the verge of ear canal surgery have been returned to normal with only the regular follow-up treatment to keep the ear healthy. If an infection seems to be remaining in the treated ear after the above course of treatment, you may also have some Pseudomonas bacteria in the site. This can be eradicated by using a gentle flush of raw apple cider vinegar and warm water. Use 2 Tablespoons of vinegar to one cup of water, 2 x per week. (\*No idea, never tried this.)

They have found the Blue Power Solution to be effective for treating fungus-type infections on the feet and elsewhere on the dog, for cuts on dogs or people, and for hot spots. You may find other uses for this simple anti-infective agent. Remember it is for external use only and be careful not to get into the eyes. (\*I've used it on hot spots under the feet - be careful if you have a dog that isn't Black/Brown - this MIGHT stain White Coats...)