

## "Purple Power Ear Solution" aka "purple power potion!!!"

16 oz. bottle isopropyl alcohol  
4 tablespoons Boric Acid Powder  
16 drops Gentian Violet Solution

Mix all ingredients in the alcohol bottle & shake. (You may need to pour out a small amount of alcohol so it will all fit.) Be sure and SHAKE WELL before each use to disperse the boric acid. It's easier to put in the dog's ears if you put some in a small squirt bottle.

**Treatment:** Flood ear with solution & massage gently for 60 seconds and wipe with a tissue. Flood a second time and just wipe without massaging. The dog will shake the excess out. The Gentian Violet isn't supposed to stain, but be careful.

Schedule of treatment:

2 times per day for the first 2 weeks  
1 time per day for the next 2 weeks  
1 time per month thereafter

All ingredients are available at a pharmacy. The Gentian Violet will be the hardest to find and may need to be **special ordered**. You can buy the potion already mixed **HERE**.

Even despite the alcohol, dogs don't object to even the first treatment. The Boric Acid soothes the ear & the Gentian Violet is an anti-infection agent. (Where babies get their purple belly buttons from!!) The solution works well on any ear problem from mites to wax to canker. One vet reported a success rate of 95%-99% and felt those not successful had not been routine about it or had not done the treatment long enough. This solution is also effective for the treatment of fungus type infections on the feet & elsewhere on the dog, for cuts on dogs or people, and for hot spots.

**For EXTERNAL use only. Avoid getting in eyes.** From the Woodhaven Labradors site  
<http://www.woodhavenlabs.com/ears.html>

### Disclaimer

This recipe is only intended to be used as indicated above, site owners nor Woodhaven Labradors and/or their agents will be not responsible for any injuries resulting in the use of this recipe, use with your own discretion and at your own risk.

As a maintenance routine to keep the ears clean and avoid infections, the ear cleaning routine should be done between every few days to once a month. The frequency of the ear cleaning depends on how often your dog goes swimming and the temperature; you'll need to do it more often if you live in hot and humid climates or during the summer.

When cleaning your dog's ears, remember to never insert anything into your dog's ear canal... NO Q-TIPS. If you notice something in the ear, please let your vet take a look at it instead of trying to do something yourself.

If, despite following the above routine regularly, your dog still gets ear infections, it may be due to a food allergy. If you believe this to be the case, you may want to have allergy tests done to try and determine which food products your dog can tolerate. Usually if you change to a different protein source, the ears clear up. It can take many weeks for a food allergy to resolve, so be patient!

Sometimes, just changing the dog's body pH is enough to end the cycle of ear infections. Usually yeast will become a problem if your dog's system is too alkaline. You can check this with pH strips in your dog's urine. If it is too alkaline, you can add acidity to your dog's system by adding a tablespoon of raw Apple Cider Vinegar to its food or water per day. You can get raw ACV at most health food stores.

Know however, that some dogs just produce more wax than others and it might have nothing to do with food.

I must warn you all, if your dog isn't having problems with its ears **DO NOT USE ANYTHING IN THEM**. If you do you could upset the pH balance and actually cause ear problems. If its not broke don't fix it! Just wipe these ears with a clean/dry cotton ball weekly and count yourselves among the lucky ones