



Cleaning Your Pets Ears

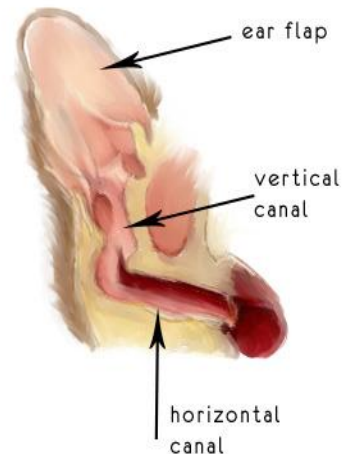
Ear infections can be caused by excessive wax and discharge. These can create a favorable environment for bacteria and yeast to grow, which can then lead to infection. Ear cleaning may be recommended along with medications to treat infections, as well as a routine preventive measure.

Cleaning Methods:

1. Apply a generous amount of ear cleaning solution into the ear canal, OR soak a cotton ball (or portion of cotton ball, depending on the animal's ear size) and place into ear opening. Massage the base of the ear to disperse the cleaning solution deep into the ear canal.

2. Use cotton ball to absorb excess solution from the ear canal and/or to gently wipe away any loose debris from the surface of the ear. Do not use cotton swabs or Q-tips for cleaning as they can push wax further into the ear canal or damage the eardrum.

3. As a final step, allow your pet to shake its head to remove the solution. This is best done outside to prevent soiling carpet, walls, etc. If there is a lot of debris in the ear, you may have to repeat the application until the cleaning solution is clear of debris.



The frequency of cleaning will vary according to your veterinarian's recommendations, such as:

- ❖ Daily OR every 2-3 days when treating for an active ear infection
- ❖ Every 1-2 weeks for routine ear cleaning

