



AT HOME EAR CLEANING



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Cleaning your pet's ears is an important routine that can help avoid potential infection. Your pet may have undiagnosed wax buildup, mites, yeast, bacterial infection, or excessive moisture in the ear canal, which is why our animal clinic recommends at-home ear cleaning.

Practicing a veterinarian-recommended technique is essential to treating and preventing disease in your pet's ears.

SUPPLIES

- ✓ **Veterinarian-approved ear cleaner**
Do not use witch hazel or alcohol!
- ✓ **Soft gauze, cotton balls or pads**
- ✓ **Cotton swabs**
- ✓ **Treats**
- ✓ **Cloth or paper towels**
Ear debris can get messy



TIPS

- Make sure both you and your pet are comfortable
- This may be a two person job – try to recruit a family member
- Reward your pet throughout the process with treats
- Check your pet's ears often for ongoing cleaning

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TECHNIQUE

- Hold your pet's ear flap up with one hand
- Squirt cleaner directly down into the ear canal
 - Use enough cleaner so it pools on the surface
- Massage the base of the ear to hear the "squishy" sound of cleaner
- Allow your pet to shake their head to loosen deep debris
- Wrap gauze or cotton pad around the tip of your finger
- Glide finger gently into the ear canal
- Wipe out as much cleaner and debris as possible
 - Use a cotton-tipped swab ONLY at the ear's surface
 - **NEVER** penetrate a swab into the ear canal to avoid rupturing the eardrum
- Repeat above steps as often as needed until most of debris is gone
- Apply topical medication if prescribed
- Move to the other ear and repeat steps



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