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Ear Cleaning:

1. Clean your pet's ears as needed. At first, this will be about every other day. As your pet's ears improve, you will clean about twice a week, and then once a week or every two weeks, as maintenance requires.
2. Pick an area to treat your pet's ears where you don't mind if he shakes his head and sprays debris and cleaner, i.e. the laundry room or garage.
3. Get a helper (if possible) and all your materials together - cotton balls, tissues, cleaner and medication(s).
4. Be sure that cleaners and medications are room temperature. (For example, remove Tresaderm™ from the refrigerator at least 10 minutes prior.)
5. In our experience, the best way to approach your dog, especially if you are working alone, is to have him sit and straddle him over the shoulders, so that you are both facing the same way.
6. Gently pull up on the base of the ear, thereby straightening the elbow-shaped ear canal as much as possible.
7. Place the nozzle as deeply into the canal as possible. Squirt a generous amount of cleaner into the ear. Fold over the pinna and massage the ear from side-to-side and at the base, helping the medication to enter the deepest parts of the ear.
8. Place a cotton ball in the ear canal(s) and allow the cleaner to remain in the ear(s) for about 10 minutes.
9. Remove the cotton balls. Use more cotton or tissues to wipe out discharge and cleaner. Allow your pet to shake his head - this aids in removing deep discharge.
10. Again, gently stretching the ear flap up, apply the prescribed ointment or drops. Again, massage the ears following treatment.
11. Now, give your dog a food reward and praise him! If oral medications have been prescribed, these can be given in the food treat.

Please call Apple Creek Veterinary Hospital at 273-2284 (ACVH), with any questions or concerns.