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ORGANIC SOAPS KEEP PETS CLEAN AND SAFE



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January 27, 2008 -- LAST year's frightening pet-food recall taught owners the importance of reading ingredient panels on food packages to avoid potentially harmful gluten, and artificial preservatives and colors. But food isn't the only pet product animal lovers need to take care with.



Clive Barker, an adoptable pooch at Little Shelter in Huntington, N.Y., gets an organic washdown.

Most mass-produced pet shampoos contain ingredients that are unnecessarily harsh on pets' skins. These include laurel sulfate (a degreaser known to cause skin irritation in laboratory tests), chemical preservatives such as DMDM hydantoin and anything ending with the chemical suffix "-paraben" (i.e., methylparaben or propylparaben).

While some pets don't experience adverse reactions, sensitive or allergic animals become miserably itchy - and when one of them scratches, its skin becomes infected. This is a serious problem for white-coated city dogs that are magnets for urban grime and therefore get groomed more frequently.

Since most of these chemicals are absorbed into the bloodstream via the skin, exposing animals to toxic substances like DMDM hydantoin, which works by releasing formaldehyde, is a big risk. Thankfully, there are several pet shampoos that contain only natural, nontoxic ingredients - and they lather up nicely, too.

Organimals shampoo by Aubrey Organics (aubrey-organics.com) replaces chemical preservatives with citrus-seed extract and vitamins A, C and E.

Preserved with rosemary extract, Vermont Soap Organics pet shampoo (vermontsoap.com) contains coconut and jojoba oils, plus aloe vera, and is the first USDA-certified organic pet shampoo.

For long-haired "hippie" dogs, Parsley Hollow dog shampoo (parsleyhollow.com) is scented with lavender, rose geranium and patchouli. There's also a conditioner called Un-Tangle.

Spa Dog Botanicals (spadogbotanicals.com) offers gift baskets containing essential-oil-based grooming products, including shampoo, conditioner and lavender spray.

Lastly, TheraNeem pet shampoo by Organix South (organixsouth.com) is soap-free and contains skin-soothing arnica that also moisturizes, so it won't dry out a dog's 'dermis. It's especially good for pets that suffer mild dermatitis or psoriasis.

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