

Example from **Alternative Treatments for Ruminant Animals**

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Udder and Leg Sores

This nasty condition is caused by excessive swelling in the udder. When the animal walks, she rubs her leg and udder. Sores are usually located up high, where the leg and udder join.

This can quite often be a very extensive, necrotic, foul-smelling mess that appears very quickly. This isn't noticed initially as it is hidden due to the swelling. Salves and ointments do nothing as it is moist and weeping to begin with. Most treatments take time to work because of the severe tissue damage. In some cases there is a lot to heal. My recommendations follow.

Take an old towel or sheet. Soak it in disinfectant or mild iodine or aloe vera liquid, and run it through the affected area, cleaning the dead tissue and debris out. The animal, after a time will willingly let you do this as it must provide a feeling of relief. I will take my one foot and pull her leg out to the side while I gently rub the towel back and forth. The animal should be on the udder edema treatment while she has this, to help reduce the swelling. If the animal has necrotic, infected tags of skin, these should be trimmed away. I will put her on Tri-Support (an herbal tincture of garlic, eucalyptus and goldenseal) or garlic tincture in the vulva to prevent a systemic infection from going up or down the leg. I will then liberally spray her down with Wound Spray. Another tool to help her heal is to put her on Comfrey tincture. Comfrey speeds the healing greatly. Put 2 cc in the vulva until healed.

Treatment for Udder and Leg Sores

Wash and clean out with towel

Garlic or Tri-Support (Garlic, eucalyptus and goldenseal) in vulva, 2-3 cc of each until healed

Wound Spray – frequently (contains aloe vera, comfrey, garlic, eyebright and calendula)

Comfrey tincture, 2 cc in vulva until healed