

Porcupine Quills



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If your dog has only a few quills that are not too deeply imbedded, you can try removing them at home. Removing deeply imbedded quills can be a very painful process and is best done under sedation by a veterinarian.



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Keep your dog as still as possible



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To remove the quills wear a pair of heavy leather gloves and with a pair of pliers grasp the quill close to where it enters the skin and slowly pull it straight out



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Look for any remaining quills by running your hand around the fur looking for blunt sharp ends



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After removing quills wash the wound with warm water and Betadine skin cleanser (antibacterial soap) and repeat for 2-3 days



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If there are any pieces of quills left in the skin and they are pinpoint size you can pop them like pimples and dab Betadine Solution on them 2-3 times a day for 2-3 days



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Even after removing all quills monitor your dog for several months as they can travel through the body if not removed, so if you see anything unusual in that time frame have him checked out by the vet



DO NOT yank the quills out as you could break it off



DO NOT continue if your dog struggles too much or is in a lot of pain, instead take him to the vet to have the quills removed



As long as all quills have been removed the dog will rarely develop any infections



If sores do not heal or there is swelling, redness, or discharge within 2-3 days take your dog to the vet



It is useful having someone else help you to restrain your dog



It is painful when removing the quills so expect your pet to yelp



Check for remaining quills with your gloves on but afterwards try removing your gloves to check with a free hand but be careful of being pricked by the quills



Betadine Solution is made with Betadine and distilled water to the color of weak tea

