

How to Clean Your Pet's Ears



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1. Apply cleanser to the ear as shown or by soaking a cotton ball and placing it in the ear. Attempt to fill each ear canal until it is overflowing or apply approximately 1 teaspoon (5 ml) of **MalAcetic® Otic**. (Fig. B)
2. Massage the cleanser into the ear canal by gently massaging the base of the ear where the cartilage turns. Massage for about a minute to dislodge the attached wax. If necessary occlude the canal with a small amount of cotton during this process to protect against drenching should your pet shake his/her head. For maximum benefit, allow **MalAcetic® Otic** to remain in the ear canal for at least 5 minutes before attempting to manually clean.
3. With a cotton ball over your fingertip, wipe the accessible portion of the ear and ear canal clean (so the debris sticks to the cotton) as shown. (Fig. C)
4. Let your pet shake out any excess cleanser.
5. Repeat the above steps in the other ear.

Don't insert cotton swabs into the ears! They should only be used in the visible portion of the ear and ear canal.

It is important to note that with most ear cleansers, including **MalAcetic® Otic**, the ear canal will be acidified and therefore may diminish the effect of some commonly used antibiotics. In those cases, either waiting 4 hours after cleaning or applying alkalizing agents, such as **TrizEDTA™**, **TrizULTRA + 0.15% Ketoconazole** or **TrizCHLOR + 0.15% Chlorhexidene**, or as indicated by your veterinarian, will be of assistance.

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