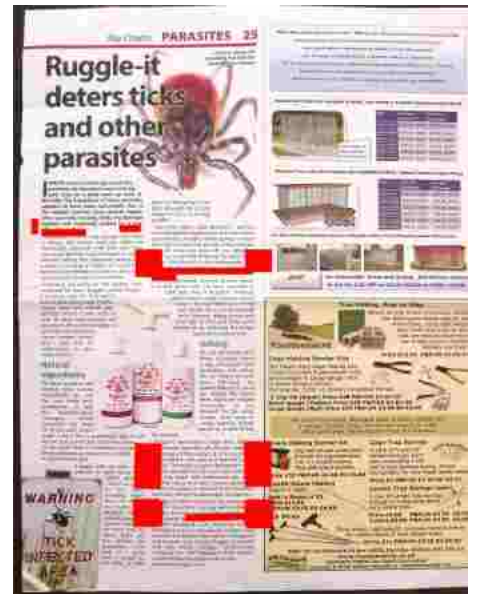




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Ray Charles **PARASITES 25**

Ruggle-it deters ticks and other parasites

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I WROTE a few months ago about the problems we have been experiencing with ticks on a daily basis up here in the hills. The infestation of these parasites appears to have been nationwide due to the wettest summer since records began. After our early morning walks my Springer Spaniel had invariably picked up a tick, often two or three.

does not like going in the bath, although she is quite happy to lie in a muddy puddle!

Using the trigger spray provided, I wet her coat, applied the mixture as per the instructions and rubbed it in with a damp sponge. I rinsed and then repeated the process a few minutes later. All done and dried off, we embarked upon our usual walk following the same route where ticks abound in the undergrowth. The result was not a single tick on our return home – excellent!

Removing them is easy enough but there is always the chance that one might be overlooked, especially with 'Ellie' who does not moult and has to be trimmed at regular intervals. With a trim imminent, perhaps just a week or so away, a hidden tick would have time to cause infection and there is always the possibility that it carried Lyme disease.

The recommended method for best results is to first spray bath (no rinse required) or bath your dog in Ruggle-it shampoo, which leaves a slight residual aroma/taste in the hair follicle and on the skin. Whilst this is not detected by most humans, biting insects and ticks hate it. Then just spray some diluted oil on, following the simple application instructions.

Following my article on the subject I was contacted by Karen Ruggles whose Ruggle-it products cater for ticks and a host of other biting bugs in pets, horses, small farm animals and donkeys, which I have kept for over 30 years. Even humans are included in this extensive range of remedies and deterrents. Hence samples arrived and I have had an opportunity to test some of them.

Natural ingredients

All these products are derived from natural ingredients so one can use them with confidence. It was the hypoallergenic shampoo which interested me most of all and with which I



Itching

We are all familiar with those occasions when a dog will scratch itself repeatedly and clearly has an irritant of some kind although we cannot detect it. It could be caused by insect bites, which are virtually impossible to see beneath the fur, mites, fungus, mud issues or simply 'summer itching' caused by a spell of hot,

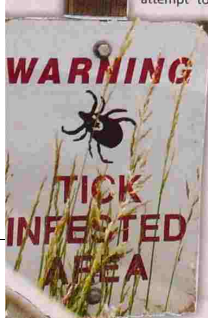
made a start. This is guaranteed safe for all human and animal skin, but I must stress at the outset that it is important to read the accompanying instructions carefully – get it right from the start.

dry weather.

Ruggle-it semi-salve is made from 100 per cent natural vegetable oils. Regular treatment is necessary if this product is to be successful, so included in the pack is a 'general itching planner'. This really is a good idea and the chart can be amended to suit one's own schedule. One may begin with enthusiasm but when the dog ceases to scratch, regular application is either forgotten or deemed to be no longer necessary. Hence the advantage of a planner.

I began with my bitch in an attempt to deter those ticks which attached themselves to her each morning. Apart from the risk to her health, their absence would certainly save time spent in searching her thick coat for them. There are two options for application – a full bath or a spray bath. I opted for the latter as 'Ellie'

Ruggle-it's other uses are far too numerous to cover in this article. I can say with confidence, though, that it is a must for stalkers and shooters who spend many long hours out in insect infested woodland. I am, hopefully, looking forward to a much reduced tick problem next summer. For detailed information on Ruggle-it and its many uses, contact Ruggles & Stopitall Ltd, Hop House Cottages, Duddleston, Somerset, TA3 7BW. Telephone 01823 259952, email info@karenruggles.co.uk or visit www.karenruggles.co.uk



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