

Homemade Musher's Paw Pro

Homemade Paw Protection for your Dog

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We found this mixture is great for malamutes running in snow that balls up in their paws. It reduces the snowball problem significantly. The stuff is all natural, easy to make, and useful for cuts on your hands as well as the dog's paw.

Ingredients:

2 1 oz bar beeswax

12 oz cooking oil (we use canola oil)

2 glops of pure lanolin

Directions:

Place 1 oz bar of beeswax into sauce pan turn on very low heat. You want to melt the ingredients together and not cook them. Be careful. For instance on my stove, the stove top temps can be set from 1 to 9, I use the 2 setting.

Place 6 or 7 oz of oil over the bar of beeswax.

Place 2 glops of pure lanolin in the mixture.

Stir, and wait for the mixture to turn to liquid.

Set the mixture in a cool place like a window sill, some place off the stove. Let it cool down with very occasional stirring until its completely cooled.

Now comes the art of making this Paw Pro:

When it's completely cooled you need to judge if this is the substance you want to rub on your dog paw. I like mine a bit soft, some like theirs a bit waxy. If you find it too soft, shave off some beeswax into the mixture from the remaining bar. If its too waxy or hard, add a bit of oil (like 1 oz). Remelt the mixture, cool again, and make another judgment. We like ours a bit soft so it's easy to get out of the container and smooth and rub in the dog paw.

Once you've found the ideal mixture, reheat one final time and pour into a Tupperware container(s) with lids. Cool and you are ready to go.

You can add tea tree oil, almond oil and anything else you might find. We found the ingredients at our local natural food store, you can also order the material from Amazon.com

Use:

To use, dab on the paws after you arrive at the trailhead. Be sure to bring a rag to clean your hand.