# Herbal Healing practices for Animals followed by Mrs. Indira Ramanathan

#### 1. For Retention of Placenta:

Cows will not evacuate the placenta even after few hours and for this *yanai nerunji* (Pedalum murex) has to be soaked in water for 2 hours and stirred. Then this has to be filtered and 1 litre of the solution has to be administered.

## 2. Swellings in the Udder

After calving some times the udder of the cows show symptoms of swelling and hotness. For this small onion (50 gm), salt (5 gm), turmeric (10 gm) leaves of sangan (20 gm) (Azima tetracantha) are to be ground well and the resultant paste is smeared over the udder. This has to be followed twice a day till it is completely cured.

## 3. Swellings in the teat

After giving birth to young one the adult cow shows symptoms of swellings in the teats. Then the following treatment is followed: Leaves of Appakovai (Solena amplexicaulis) -20 gm, Turmeric-10 gm, Vasambu (Acorus calamus) -10 gm are to be ground well and applied as paste over the teats and udder. If the infestation is severe then *Aloe vera* extract has to be mixed in the paste and applied for 2-3 days till it is cured.

### 4. For Heifers not coming to heat

If the heifers even after attaining 2 years of age not showing heat symptoms then the following practice is followed:

- i. Administer 100 ml of 'Panchagavya' daily for 1 week.
- ii. Grains of bajara., ragi, seeds of horse gram are to be taken for 10 kilos. Then Bengal gram is taken at 2 kilos and mixed together. This mixture is taken at half kilo and soaked in water and allowed to sprout. The sprouted grains are to be fed to animals for a period of 20-25 days. Then Aloe vera extract is administered daily for 4 days. In addition heifers are to be fed with 1-2 kilo leaves of *malai vembu* (Melia dubia). This course of treatment will enhance the process of heat symptoms and animal will conceive after taking it for artificial insemination or for natural cross.

She also administers neem oil 250 ml to the heifers for 3 days in order to bring the animals for heat.

# **5.For animal indigestion**

Betel vine 10 leaves, pepper 10 seeds are to be ground well and administered in the morning in empty stomach. This has to be continued 3 days.

## **6.For Constipation**

'Nilavagai' (Cassia obtusa) leaf powder is administered at 50 gm in warm water.

### 7.For Foot and Mouth Disease:

Affected animals are to be administered with one banana (Monthan variety) soaked in 250 ml of pig ghee. Banana can be administered continuously for 1 month.

Country arrack or liquor is to be applied in the ulcer in cleft of hooves in order to kill the worms noticed.

# **8.**For cows suffering with cough:

Betel leaves 10, pepper 10, camphor 2 are to be ground well and administered in the empty stomach for 3 days. Then the animals are to be exposed to the fumes of sampirani (holy doop ) and turmeric.

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