



HOMEOPATHY FOR LIVESTOCK

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What is Disease?

Disease = 'dis' 'ease'

The body has a natural ability to heal itself, ie: wounds, fractures, viral colds. Health can be described as mind and body in harmony with its environment – or 'at ease'. When that balance is disturbed, we have disease.

History and How it Works

Homeopathy is a system of medicine discovered and developed in the late 1700's and early 1800's by a German physician by the name of Dr. Samuel Hahnemann. It is a complete system of medicine that adheres to the philosophy of holism.

The major principle of Homeopathy is **Like Treats Like**, which means that to treat a sick individual with particular symptoms, you use a remedy that produces similar symptoms in a healthy individual.

Homeopathy works by stimulating the body to follow the natural healing process.

Energy Medicine



Homeopathic remedies are prepared from mineral, plant and animal substances. Their high dilution renders them absolutely non-toxic.

Once a remedy reaches a certain dilution, the healing power of these remedies is then purely energetic.

Two Principles of Homeopathy

- 1) Any medicine strong enough to cure is also strong enough to cause harm.
- 2) Any medicinal substance may either suppress or palliate or cure



Palliation, Suppression, Cure

Palliation = temporary relief from suffering without actually curing

Suppression = the disease moves from a less vital organ to a more vital organ

Cure = permanent removal of disease

“When a patient is recovering, symptoms will move from the more vital organs to the less vital ones and from the center of the body outward.” [pg 2, ‘Homeopathy for the Herd’ by Dr. Edgar Sheaffer]

Vital Force

The Vital Force is the life force, making the difference between a live and a dead body. The VF is the energy that enables the body to heal.

The strength of the VF determines whether an individual will in fact respond to the administration of a remedy AND the potency.

Potencies – and how that works

- ‘X’ Potency = substance is diluted at a 1/10 (decimal) dilutions
- ‘C’ Potency = Substance is diluted at a 1/100 (centesimal dilutions)
- ‘M’ Potency = Substance is diluted at a 1/1000 (

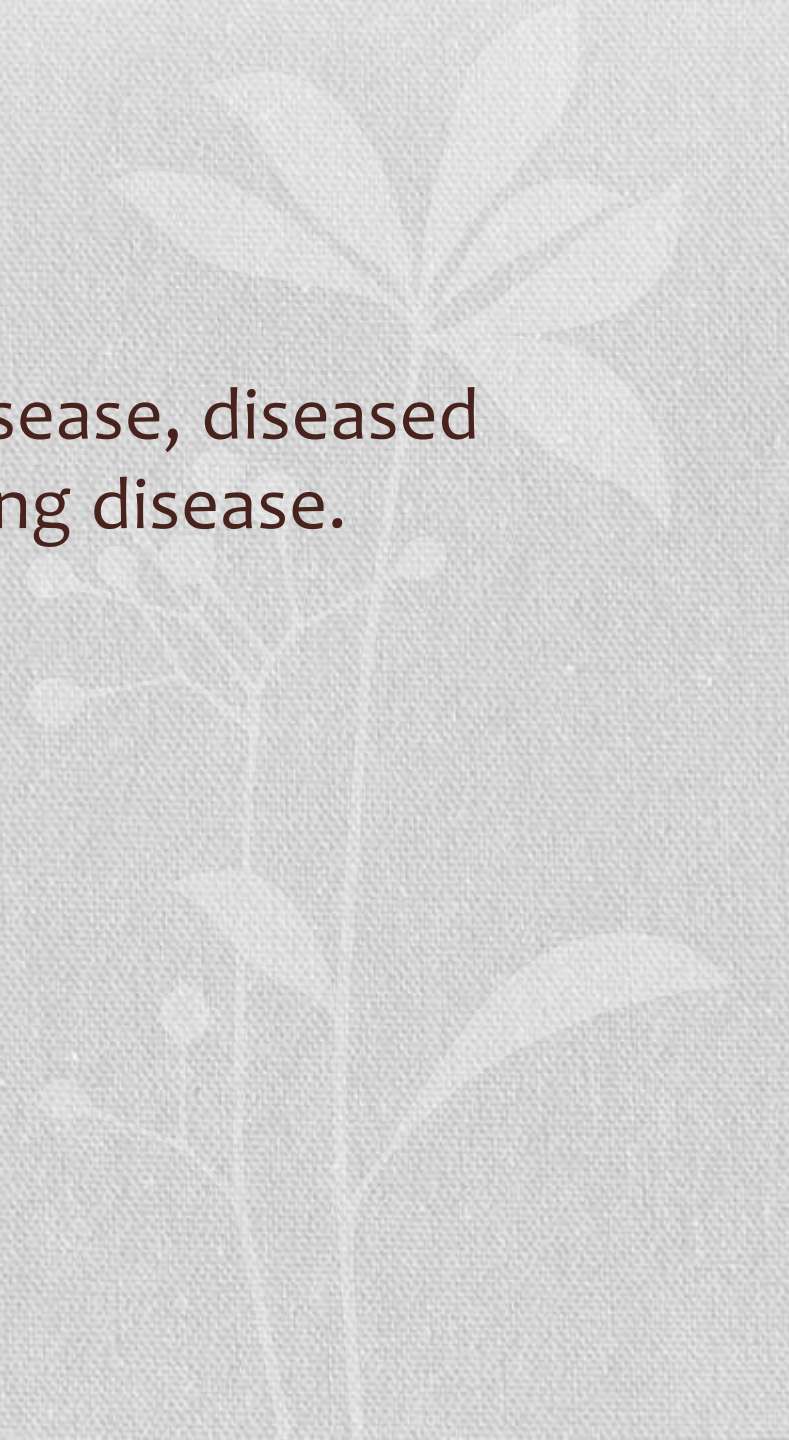
Example 1: 12X potency = diluted 1 in 10 twelve times, or a dilution of 10^{-12} with succussion (shaking) at every stage

Example 2: 30C potency = diluted 1 in 100 thirty times, with succussion (shaking at every stage).

Soda can analogy

Nosodes

Made from the products from disease, diseased tissues or the organisms producing disease.



Storage of Remedies

- 1) Away from temperature extremes
- 2) Away from direct sunlight,
- 3) Away from strong chemical odors,
- 4) Away from strong electromagnetic influences (inside the microwave, on top of the television set, etc).
- Storing them in an organized fashion so they can be easily found and kept clean
- (Dairy) It is also very important to know what will be required by the milk Inspector. It may just be a matter of keeping a homeopathic instruction book right with the remedy bottles.

Storage of Remedies



Administration of remedies

- Olfactory, inhalation, through the skin





Into the Water or the Feed



Use of Homeopathy at Earthwise Farm



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Most Commonly used remedies:

- *Arnica montana* (Leopard's Bane) – first remedy of choice for trauma (emotional/physical) – blows, bruising, bites, strains, sprains
- *Aconitum napellus* (monkshood) – Shipping Fever, acute changes, stress (such as castration, labor, weaning)
- *Apis Mellifica* – bites, stings, wounds, inflammatory responses
- *Hypericum* – For trauma to heavily innervated tissues
- *Nux vomica* – For digestive problem

Most Commonly Used Remedies (continued)

Mastitis

Belladonna – high fever systemically and locally and the tissue is bright red or red streaked and painful such as acute mastitis

Phytolacca – Good mastitis remedy when the udder is nodular, abscessed or has fistulous tracts after mastitis

Pulsatilla - For birthing difficulties when labor is ineffective and/or where calf is not positioned correctly. Also for yellow/white bland, thick discharges.

Bryonia – In mastitis where the udder is hard, painful, and pale.

Belladonna – For any condition where there is a high fever

Most Commonly Used Remedies (Continued)

Calving/Post Calving/calf care

Kali carb – Weakness and paralysis after delivery

Caulophyllum – When cow is threatening to abort. Also in calving when the contractions are overly strong and painful or too weak to expel the calf

Sepia – Indicated in impending abortions or calving difficulties especially when the cow is aggressive and irritable. Can be used when the cow rejects the calf at birth

Arsenicum – Indicated in deep burns such as branding or debudding. Also for foul, volatile diarrheas

Chamomille – Indicated in diarrhea in calves

Resources

- **Books**

- ‘Homeopathy in Organic Livestock Production’, by Glen Dupree, D.V.M.,
- ‘A Veterinary Materia Medica and Clinical Rpertory: with a Materia Medica of the Nosodes’ by George Macleod, MRCVS, DVSM
- ‘Homeopathy for the Herd: A Farmer’s Guide to Low-Cost, Non-Toxic Veterinary Care of Cattle’, by C. Edgar Sheaffer, V.M.D. ‘Alternative Treatments for Ruminant Animals’, by Paul Detloff, D.V.M.
- ‘Treating Dairy Cows Naturally’, by Hubert Karreman, V.M.D.
- ‘The Barn Guide to Treating Dairy Cows Naturally’, by by Hubert Karreman, V.M.D., published by Acres U.S.A., P.O. Box 91299, Austin, Texas ,78709; Phone: (512)892-4400, www.acresusa.com, © 2011
- ‘Homeopathic Handbook for Dairy Farming’, by Tineke Verkade, Registered Nurse, Dip. Hom., N.D., Dip Herb,
- ‘The Homeopathic Treatment of Beef and Dairy Cattle’, by Christopher Day, MRCVS, VetFFHom

Resources (continued)

Companies/Businesses selling Homeopathic remedies

- **1 800 Homeopathy**, P.O. Box 8080, Richford, VT 05476, Phone: 800-466-3672, www.1800homeopathy.com
- **Washington Homeopathic Products, Inc.**, 260 J R Hawvermale Way, Berkeley Springs, WV 25411, (orders) 1-800-336-1695 (fax) (304)258-6335, www.homeopathyworks.com and www.poisonivypills.com
- **Clark Veterinary Clinic**, C. Edgar Sheaffer, V.M.D., P.O. Box 353, Palmyra, PA 17078, Phone: 717-838-9563 (am), 717-838-4879 (pm), 888-327-6838, www.clarkvetclinic.com, email: thenaturalvet@verizon.net .
- **Celletech** –Cell-Ag is Celletech's enhanced line of *Organic* Micro-nutrients. These products have been specifically created for the organic dairy farmer.
<http://www.celletech.com/commerce/catalog.jsp?catId=49&companyId=49>

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