

Herbs Useful For Animals

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Abstract

Animals routinely suffering from many diseases and cost required on cure these diseases is high. The use of various easily available medicinal plants as first aid in animal diseases is beneficial. Compared to medicines, the cost of herbs is negligible. So conservation of medicinal plants is essential in our agriculture. The herbs like Amla, Adulsa, Bel and Ashwagandha are the main herbs used in the animal treatment. Different herbs have different or same medicinal properties and used to treat different disease conditions. Also, these herbs in combination with routine treatment lead to early recovery in low cost of treatment. Herbs as it is or its extract can be used as a first aid in treating the animals without any side effect.

Introduction

Even today, some livestock keepers use medicinal plants to treat various diseases in animals. No traces of herbs are found in animal products after consumption. So they have no effect on human health. Medicinal plants are mainly used for external and internal treatment in animals.

Methods of using herbs

- Fresh herbs should be cut and mixed with animal feed.
- A paste of fresh herbs should be used for external treatment.
- Powder of dried herbs should be mixed with animal feed.
- The powder of the herb should be made into an extract with water and fed to the animals.

Following are some herbs routinely used in animal treatment,

Amla

Amla is a useful herb

- Amla is a versatile fruit. Fruits, leaves and bark contain vitamin C, tannins and many medicinal properties.

- Grind amla seeds and mix it well with coconut oil. Applying this mixture on scabies and dry itches gives relief to animals.
- Sometimes animals suffer from bleeding disorders. In such a case, if the young leaves and branches of Amla are crushed and fed orally to the animals, the blood loss will be reduced. This mixture also helps to heal minor wounds.
- Young amla leaves should be given to animals along with feed. This improves the digestive system and keeps the animal healthy.

Bael:

- Bael leaves are long, trilobed and fragrant. Leaves and fruits of bael are medicinal.
- Many times, sores and bruises are seen in animals. In that case, take 125 grams of bael leaves, grind them finely and mix them with 1 liter of buttermilk. If this mixture is fed to the animals, it will reduce the swelling and bruising.
- If female animals are fed 1 kg of bael leaves for 7 days, they will ovulate in 20 to 25 days.
- Feeding of fruit pulp and pomegranate peel per half kg to animals reduces wastage.
- Bael leaves are useful for quick healing of wounds on the body of animals. For this, finely chop bael leaves and mix it with butter. Applying this mixture on the wounds heals the wounds quickly.

Adulsa

- This plant is found everywhere. Leaves, roots and flowers are used for treatment.
- 50 grams of leaf juice, 50 grams of Saindhava salt and a little barley flour should be mixed with water. Feeding this laddu to animals reduces cough and respiratory inflammation.
- Leaves are useful for stomach disorders in cows, buffaloes. The leaves should be fed with fodder.
- For the treatment of flatulence, if the ash of the leaves is mixed with 100 grams per 200 grams of ghee, the animals get relief.
- Mix the juice of the leaves and the juice of the purple bark in equal proportions and give this mixture three times a day. If this mixture is given for at least a week, the rash will reduce. Leaf extract should be given to reduce fever in animals.

Ashwagandha

- Root powder is tonic. The leaves, roots and fruits of the plant have various medicinal properties.
- Ashwagandha, tulsi and shatavari 100 grams each and jaggery 50 grams should be mixed and laddoed. Feeding these laddus in the feed of animals helps in strengthening them.
- Sometimes cows, buffaloes show silent heat. It is difficult to recognize such a person. In that case Ashwagandha roots and sesame seeds should be divided into 150 grams each and mixed with 2 eggs and 2 bananas to prepare laddoes. Eat this laddoes for seven days. This helps the animals to come in heat and show signs of heat (Oestrus).
- This plant is useful in removing uterine weakness.

Conclusion

Herbs like Amla, Adulsa, Bel and Ashwagandha can be used as a first aid in animal treatment so as get early recovery without side effects.

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