

## Principles of Natural Healing Work for Man and Animals Angela Sannapu, M.H.

Have you ever thought of herbs for animals? We learn about natural healing to help ourselves, family and friends, but what about the furry (or feathered) little ones that we care for as well? My family and I had just an experience to help us understand that herbs are created not only for humans, but for the animal kingdom as well.

We had been gifted with a small flock of Silkie chickens. These are beautiful chickens who love to do their part by providing manure for the garden, bug hunting, and laying organic sweet tasting eggs. These chickens had a coop, but how they loved to free range! With no predators in sight, we allow them to be free in the backyard for short periods of time. It was during one of these occasions we found that a hawk had been waiting for just such an opportunity. When we arrived on the scene, one of our most beautiful chickens was under a greedy hawk who had cruelly stripped nearly half her feathers off. Her eye was bloody and she had some scrapes. Quickly shooing off the startled hawk, we gently gathered the bird, placed her in a secure box, and watched in horror as she was breathing rapidly and deeply. The other chickens were scared back into the coop; hiding and secure. We took the poor bird inside the house and pondered what to do. A few calls to vets, who must have thought we were crazy, did not offer us any help. All eyes turned on me, the Master Herbalist of the house. It was one of the moments where you offer up a small prayer for wisdom and guidance, mostly because you never have faced a situation like this before.

Quickly, the following plan was put into place.

- 1-Keep the chicken relaxed and stress free (the poor thing might have had a heart attack just from fright.)
- 2-To prevent infections, use garlic to the max.
- 3-To help heal the wounds quickly, use Complete Tissue and Bone formula.

We placed the chicken in a more comfortable box with a small towel and took her into a dark quiet room where she received her care. The chicken was practically bathed in garlic oil as I took a dropper and placed the oil all over her wounds. I even squeezed some over her closed eyelids. We offered her a dropper with water and Complete Tissue and Bone formula. She couldn't see, so her beak had to be slowly opened and the solution dripped down into her mouth. We repeated this every 20 min for the rest of the day and night. Slowly her heart rate dropped and she began to rest calmly. The next day we added fresh wheatgrass juice to her regiment, both internally and externally for her wounds. By day 3, she had regained strength and was able to stand and greet us upon entering the room. We couldn't take seeing her in the blood-clotted feathers any longer and it was beginning to bother her, so we filled a bathroom sink with some warm water, garlic, Complete Tissue and Bone and we "bathed" her. It was a good thing we had waited on bathing her for a few days. She was a little terrified of the room, but with encouraging and reassuring words, she allowed us to bathe her. Soon our Silkie settled down and enjoyed herself like never before. Gently we worked her feathers free, even trimming a few which needed some extra help. That day, to everyone's surprise, her eyes opened and she could see again! Next came some very interesting blow-dryer work and she was returned back to her cleaned box with a heat lamp in order to further her beauty treatment ☺. I remember the chickens who were left in the coop were very depressed, especially the rooster who failed to protect his hens. On Day 5,

she was allowed an in-house visitor, which highly boosted everyone's spirits. The rooster brightened up and they began "clucking" at each other. She was eating on her own now with only the best food that a chicken can have: wheatgrass, fresh carrots, spinach, millet, berries, and of course her favorite Indian Sambar.

Within 2 weeks' time, she was now a true houseguest, walking around, playing with the children, and sitting under the Christmas tree in an adorned box with a special, VIP red bow. This was both quite interesting and amusing for the entire family, and the chickens! She was soon reintroduced back to her flock and gladly welcomed back in. It has been an amazing experience for us all!

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