

*An Account of the diseases of Doggs, and several Receipts for the Cure of their Madness, and of those bitten by them. Extracted from the Papers of Sir Theodore Mayern, and Communicated to the Royal Society by Sir Theodore de Vaux, Knt. and R. Soc. S.*

**D**OGGS are Subject to these several sorts of Madness or rather diseases. (1) The *Hot Madness* which is incurable without hope. They fly upon every thing and can hold out but 4 days (2) The *Running Madness* which is likewise incurable. They fly only upon *Doggs*, and that by Fitts, and may sometimes hold out 9 months (3) *La Rage Mue* which is a disease that lies in the Blood (4) The *Falling Madness* which seases on the Head, and is as a sort of *Epilepsie* (5) The *Blasting* or *Witbering*; this lies in the Bowells which shrink up exceedingly (6) The *Sleepie Disease*, which comes from little worms in the mouth of the Stomach: These *Doggs* die sleeping. (7) The *Rheumatick Disease*. This swells the Head very much and makes the Eyes yellow.

These five latter are not properly Madness but other diseases. In them the *Doggs* will not eat, nor at any time when they are sick, but in these five they live 8 or 9 days without hurting any body, and then die of Hunger. The two first are caught by the breath of *Doggs* being together as is the Plague among Men, the latter are likewise Contagious but Curable.

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*A Never failing Remedy for the Bite of a Mad Dog, by  
Sir Theodore Mayern.*

Take *Virginia Snake-Root* and Flowers of *St. Johns wort* gathered in their prime, equal parts of each, lett them be made into very fine powder. The Dose is from a Scruple to a Dram, to be taken in any sort of Decoction prepared with Specificks. To a Horse give 2 Dr. to a Dog from one to 1½ Dr. This before the ninth day after the Bite.

*Another Receipt for the same, taken from  
D. Matthias Hulsboos.*

Take Leaves of *Rue* pickt from the stalks and bruised 6 Oun. *London Treacle* (or which is better *Venice Treacle*) *Garlick Pild* and bruised, and fine filings of *Tin*, each 4 Oun. put them into 4l. of *Canary* or good *White Wine*, or in case of a nice or hot constitution, into the same quantity of strong and well-workt Ale, in an Earthen vessel well stoppt. Then let there be made a digestion or gentle boyl- ing thereof *in Balneo*, for 4 hours, shutting in the steam, then press it and strain it.

The dose is from two to three Ounces (and in some Persons more) to be taken every Morning for 9 days. The Party bitten must fast for three hours after it, and the dreggs that remain after expression must be bound upon the wound received, renewing it every 24 hours. *N. B.* That the ninth day after the bite must not be let slip, before this medicine be taken, least the Poyson seafe the Blood too strongly. It must be given cold, or at least only a little aired. A Double Quantity may be given to a Beast soon after the Bite.

This Remedy I have given many times by *Sir Theodore Mayern's* direction, and I never found it to faile.

*Theodore De Vaux.*

*Another*

*Another approved Remedy.*

Pluck the feathers from the breech of an old *Cock*, and apply it bare to the Bite, and do this upon each of the Wounds. If the *Dogg* were Mad, the *Cock* will swell and die, and the Person Bitten will do well; but if the *Cock* dies not, the *Dogg* was not Mad. If the Wounds be very small, it is requisite to open them with a Lancett.

*Another Proceß of Sir Theodore Mayern's.*

Let the Party be Nine times Plunged in the *Sea*, while he is fasting, as soon as may be after the Bite.

Let the Bitten Part be washed with a *Lie* of the *Ashes* of *Oke-wood* and *Urine*, and apply a Cataplasme of *London Treacle*, *Alliaria* or *Hedge Garlicke*, *Rue* and *Salt*.

Take dried *Rue* and *Scordium* each 2 Dr. *Virginia Snake-Root* 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  Dr. Flowers of *St. John's wort* 3 Dr. fine filings of *Tinn* and *Garlicke* cut small, each 4 Dr. *London Treacle* 1 Ounce. Let them be all beaten and exactly mixed together, adding *Syrup* of *Lemmon Pills* as much as suffices to make it into an *Electuary*; Divide this into Nine equal parts to be taken every day one, drinking after it a small draught of good strong Ale. Let him walk upon it and not dine till 4 hours after.

Use as little of the aforefaid *Syrup* of *Lemon Pills* as may be: and if that be not at hand, a *Syrup* made of *Malagawine*, adding as much *Sugar* as it can dissolve, may serve the turn.

Make up of this *Electuary* 4  $\frac{1}{2}$  Ounces at a time, that so the Dose may be half an Ounce.