



*Buzz Guard natural remedy mist has been field-tested in outdoor settings, from woodlands to wetlands, to improve your dog's comfort during outdoor activities.*

## experts review buzz guard



**Paris Permenter, co-founder, DogTipper.com**

If you've never been to Texas during the summer, take our word for it: this is Bug Central. This year's drought and record heat have kept the numbers of fleas, ticks, and mosquitoes down somewhat, but we—and our dogs—still confront biting and stinging bugs every time we walk outside.



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When we heard about Buzz Guard, we were definitely eager to give it a try. This natural repellent was field tested over a four-year period by a variety of dog owners and professionals.

Its ingredients list is nice and simple, just what we like to see: Water, polysorbate 20; neem seed oil; pure essential oils of citronella, fir, geranium; rosewood, basil, myrrh; potassium sorbate.

So far, so good. Next: the sniff test.



With its hint of citronella, Buzz Guard smelled pleasant and not at all overpowering. With asthma, I'm very sensitive to smells and cautious about a lot of heavily scented sprays. Buzz Guard is mild and pleasant enough to wear yourself. I sprayed some on my arms, and I'm happy to say it has a clean, light odor and a non-greasy feel. It can be sprayed on skin, clothing, or fur.

Another plus: Buzz Guard (like the other Earth Heart's products) is packaged in BPA-free containers. tail area where bugs seem to prefer. Neither dog seemed to mind the spray on them (although Tiki didn't like the smell of the bottle when I let her smell it directly.) They quickly ignored the scent and got ready for their walk.

We wore the spray on our evening dog walk and I liked the bug-free results! A big paws up for Buzz Guard!



**Arden Moore, founder, FourLeggedLife.com**

As founder of Four Legged Life, I get a lot of requests to test pet products. Here's the latest "buzz" on a natural pest repellent I tested on my adventure-seeking dogs, Chipper and Cleo. It's called Earth Heart's Buzz Guard and contains an effective blend of pure essential oils that makes fleas (and ticks, flies, mosquitoes and no-see-ums) flee far from dogs and us when we are out and about.

The three of us do a lot of hiking, camping and surfing, and don't want to spend time shooing flies or swatting mosquitoes during these activities. Or worry about bringing home unwanted guests – fleas and ticks. Buzz Guard is easy – and more importantly, safe. Just mist your skin and on your dog's coat. It delivers a clean citronella scent and leaves no greasy residue. And, it works up to five hours.





**Deb Eldredge, DVM, award-winning author, dog sport competitor, blogger**  
*UticaPetHealthExaminer.com*



There has been a great deal of rain in the Northeast over the last month and some warm temperatures so mosquitoes and black flies are flourishing. I set out to do two one mile walks this am - morning being prime mosquito and black fly feeding time. The walk would take the dogs and I along a pond and by a creek so plenty of good habitat for these pests.

The first walk was the two Belgian Tervurens. The smell of the Buzz Guard was pleasing to me, maybe less so to them. I spritzed each dog in the groin area (black fly bite territory), put a spritz on their backs and then put a dab on my hand and rubbed it over their heads and into their ears. Prick ears tend to attract bugs. Both dogs sneezed and made mild attempts to run their faces on their dog beds. I also put a quick spritz on my hat and used no bug spray on me.



The second walk, over the same area, was with the two Australian Shepherds. Neither of them sneezed or tried to rub the scent off at all. For both walks, there were plenty of mosquitoes and black flies buzzing around the dogs and me. However, no bites! None of the dogs showed any bites in the groin area or in the ears. I am impressed.



**Cynthia Foley, writer Horse Journal**



We knew Buzz Guard, from Earth Heart works well on dogs, so we sent it to a reader with a horse plagued by ticks in her ears. She said that this “tick magnet” horse doesn’t like her ears handled and required two people to do the treatments, which meant it was applied less frequently than she’d like. Still, the product worked well, but the owner felt more frequent applications would help even more. The product worked very well on her other horses. Cost is \$11.98 for two ounces. If you have serious tick problems, we think it’s worth a try.



**Carol Bryant for FIDO Friendly**

Earth Heart’s Buzz Guard: A smaller but oh-so-effective option to help keep fleas and ticks off dogs.

The scent is strong at first but it did fade with time. DEET-free, this formula uses neem seed oil; pure essential oils of citronella, fir, geranium; rosewood, basil, myrrh; and potassium sorbate. Two ounces is about \$12 but a few squirts go a long way.

I’ve been using this for over a month in combination and so far, no fleas and no ticks – and we do a lot of outdoor walking, ball playing and trekking through grassy areas. I also feel paw-ticularly great not putting chemicals on my dog that I cannot even pronounce.



Does it take longer to apply than a once-a-month topical? Yes. Is it safer and yet even more effective on my dog thus far? A resounding yes.

No chemicals, DEET free, no gloves to apply, and fleas and ticks are staying away. This has been a great pest-free summer.



**Karen Norteman, ShaggyDogStories.net**

Here in Maine, the mosquito is often referred to as the State Bird. We don't have the low-flying-aircraft-style skeeters that they have in NJ, but we do have an abundance of the nasty, quick, tiny ones that reallllly make their presence known when they swoop in and bite you. We've had a Mosquito Magnet for years, and some years it's the only reason we can use our backyard in summer. For times when we're away from the house, we've become connoisseurs of bug repellents for both humans and canines.



We've been fairly lucky bug-wise this season, thanks to the weird weather. The very dry weather in early spring helped eliminate some of the places where the nasty little buggers breed, and the heavy rains that followed probably washed away what was left. (Mosquito larvae can still stubbornly survive through drought conditions, even if you haven't had a lot of rain locally — so there's probably always a reason to worry about the spread of West Nile virus.) Now that we're experiencing more normal weather in late July, though, the little bastards are coming back.

In between raindrops, Dinah and I have both been trying Earth Heart's Buzz Guard to keep the Maine State Bird from visiting on our walks. When I saw that it contained neem seed oil, I figured that it would be effective. Neem is a little stinky, though, so I was relieved to find out that Buzz Guard smells nice — more like the citronella, geranium, and evergreen (fir) essential oils it also contains. It even has a slightly lighter scent than some of the other formulas we've tried. Best of all, it doesn't smell like Black Flag and it doesn't contain DEET, so we can enjoy ourselves on our walks without having to douse ourselves in chemicals first.

On our usual walking course, we pass by a swamp and go through long stretches of pine forest. The mosquitoes aren't as thick as you might expect, but the deerflies are simply awful. I spray us both with Buzz Guard to keep those nasty creatures at bay. I usually just spray it on, but Earth Heart also suggests spraying a bandana and tying it around your dog's neck. Packaged in a recyclable, BPA-free container, Buzz Guard doesn't stain skin, clothes, or fur. What makes me happiest is that it doesn't leave sticky, oily residue on skin or fur, so you don't have to jump in the shower or bathe the dog after every walk. and other no-see-ems naturally thanks to Earth Heart.



**Peggy Frezon, blogger, Peggy's Pet Place**

Earth Heart Inc has created a natural insect repellent that claims to be just that. Buzz Guard is safe for both humans and dogs, and you can spray directly onto clothing, skin or fur. I tried Buzz Guard on Kelly and was pleased to find that a light spritzing wasn't heavy or messy. Outside, the mosquitoes and flies left us alone. It's more difficult to tell about fleas and ticks, since they are impossible to spot in the grass, and just as difficult to locate on Kelly's heavily furred body!

**Pros:**

- \*Natural product
- \*Favorably field tested on a variety of dogs
- \*Safe

**Cons:**

- \*Treatment is effective for up to 5 hours. Would have to spray every day (or more) to protect against fleas and ticks all season.





**Tammy Souch, PetsWeekly.com**

We've all had experiences where we've been let down by natural insect "repellents." I'd buy them, with my hopes high, just to have them dashed as mosquito after mosquito gnawed through the thin layer of protection and devoured the flesh of me and my pets anyway. Finding something that actually works and won't cause any harm to my pets is a big deal – and I'm sure a lot of our PetsWeekly readers have had similar experiences. External parasites can often lead to internal parasites - and that's why we were so very excited to discover Earth Heart's newest product line called Buzz Guard.

Just like Earth Heart's other products (which we reviewed back in February), you spray it onto your hands and rub it on your dog's coat. It's effective against all of the usual suspects: mosquitoes, flies, fleas, ticks and those oh-so-annoying "no-see-ums." It's made of all natural ingredients that are safe for your dog, so you don't have to worry about them getting sick if they happen to lick themselves after you apply it.



One thing that we especially like about Buzz Guard is that it sprays in a fine mist – making application much less messy – and it has a nice, mild smell that won't upset your pets or impact their sense of smell. Finally, a natural bug spray that works - let us know how it works for you!



**Leslie May, RaiseAGreenDog.com**

Now that we're in Georgia, we've been utilizing a product from one of the new Raise A Green Dog Partners to help us combat the nasties. Earth Heart's Buzz Guard is what we've been using with really nice results.

Mum sprays it on our harnesses, and on a bandana that we wear during our hikes and when we are out in the yard. We've only had a few ticks show up in all the hikes we've taken while using Buzz Guard. And none were attached, they came right off us when we were lounging on the couch with Mum. Mum just grabbed 'em up and disposed of them properly. We think that's amazing, considering we are deep in the forest!).



Even though you can spray Buzz Guard right on us dogs safely and naturally, Mum sprays it on our gear because we like to lick and cuddle with our kittie bros in the evenings, and essential oils aren't really good for cats, even though they are safe for dogs.

Earth Heart's Buzz Guard is made with water, polysorbate 20; neem seed oil; pure essential oils of citronella, fir, geranium; rosewood, basil, myrrh; and potassium sorbate, which we like.

Even though we are deep in the Chattahoochee National Forest, we are able to effectively manage the ticks, chiggers.



**Ed Forteau, Wandering Educators.com**



We used Buzz Guard at our cottage in the northern Michigan woods, on a lake. Yes, it is perfect for those really large mosquitoes (and the really large skeeter bites). Buzz Guard smelled pleasant, worked well, and was safe to use on everyone. It didn't last for hours (probably because of those dips in the lake), but was effective at keeping mosquitoes away.



**Nancy Freedman-Smith, LifeWithDogs.tv**

It was quickly apparent that this bug spray helped keep insects at bay. Having reviewed the ingredients, we felt safe using it on us, our pets and our kids. We tried the bug spray one day at a friend's farm. The Buzz Guard kept swarms (and we are talking swarms!) of Black Flies off of us, the horses, goats and dogs for close to 4 hours.

Here in Maine, we are world famous for our black flies you know. If you have never had the pleasure of meeting one, let me see if I can paint an accurate picture. They are small. They are nasty. They come in swarms and when they bite, it leaves a nasty burning welt that often lasts at least 24 hours. Buzz Guard is made of essentials oils and neem seed oil, all of which are safe for people and pets. The product is safe for pups as young as 9 weeks. I am thrilled to have found a product to use on my kids and pets that does not include harsh chemicals.



Thankfully black fly season is but a nasty memory at this time of year, but it also helped with mosquitoes and other biting flies. I toyed with the idea of saving this review for spring, but not all of our readers live in the Northeast. We tried it in the woods for ticks, and we did not pick up any on the days we walked with the dog sprayed: that of course is anecdotal, and we don't pick up ticks every time we hit the trails.



**Karen Mead, blogger VergingOn.com**

Now I know all of you who own dogs know about fleas and ticks. We spend a fortune on Front Line and other products to kill off these dread bugs and keep them from invading our homes. There are still irritants in the outdoors however, such as flies and mosquitoes and all of these can bite and sting and annoy your animal. Your dog wants a pleasant and bug-free romp just as much as you do and using Buzz Guard will guarantee that every time your dog goes out, he/she is protected and without harsh chemicals too! I use this faithfully on all five of my dogs. They don't mind it at all and in fact I think they enjoy it (but the fact that they are getting a rub down doesn't hurt either) and I know I enjoy not constantly swatting flies and mosquitoes away from them. This is a really great product, especially during the spring and summer seasons. Don't let your pet go without it.



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