Some physicians say (that) human hair, when burnt, then wet with vinegar and put on the bite of a dog, is useful instantly. Human saliva is useful against the stings of crawling animals. Breastmilk, when drunk together with wine or with honey, crumbles bladder stones. Human urine is useful against all stings of deadly crawlers and against the bite of a dog when poured over (the wound). If a human bone is hung upon someone who suffers from quartan fever, it will be very useful to him. Galen says that human faeces, when dried, kneaded with honey and painted on the throat, are useful against quinsy, and likewise when drunk.\footnote{145} If you take a horse’s hoof, burn it, knead the ashes with olive oil and put (that) on scrofula, it helps; if a (pregnant) woman is exposed to the smoke of (burning) horse-dung, the foetus will be evicted, be it dead or alive; and if the dung is dried and sprinkled on wounds, it arrests the (flow of) blood (just as it stops) nosebleed. If you take the earwax from a mule, (put it) into a hazelnut (shell) and hang it upon a woman, it protects (her) from pregnancy. If cow’s blood is poured over a wound, it stops the bleeding. If you take some ox-gall, mix it together with natron, colocynth pulp and honey, and smear it on the anus, it relieves the bowels. Dioscorides says that he who drips some ox-gall into the ear, helps echoing and tinnitus;\footnote{146} and if some gall, (mixed) together with rose oil and tar, is put into the ear, it eases the pain that is brought on by coldness. If you take the testicles of a calf, dry them and drink the best parts, it will stimulate desire and increase sexual potency. Cattle-dung put on hard tumours opens them; when (mixed) together with a little ash and olive oil (and) put on the gouty foot, it helps (as well); when (mixed) together with vinegar (and)

\footnote{144} This chapter, in fact, commences with certain ‘parts’ obtained from humans, followed roughly according to size by domestic and/or wild mammals, birds, insects, amphibians, reptiles, and the like.

\footnote{145} \[πρὸς τὰ τοῦ βρόγχου καὶ φάρυγγος πάθη] . . . ἀνθρωπείαν κόπρον εἰς ράκος ἐνδήσας καὶ καύσας δίδου πιεῖν τοῖς ἤδη πνιγομένοις βοηθεῖ, see Galen (Kühn) 14/439.

\footnote{146} ἡ δὲ ταυρεία [χολὴ] . . . ἀποθεραπεύει . . . πυορροοῦντά . . . ὠτα καὶ τάς ἐπ᾽ αὐτῶν ῥήξεις σὺν γάλακτι αἰγείῳ ἢ γυναικείῳ ἐνσταζομένη πρὸς δὲ συριγμοὺς σὺν πράσου χυλῷ [ποιεῖ], see Dioscorides (Wellmann) 1/160; cf. also Tabari Firdaus 422.
put into the nostrils, it stops nosebleed; and it is useful against all poisons. Some (physicians) say (that) if you take the hair from the tail of a donkey as it dismounts the female and hang it upon someone’s body, it arouses sexual desire. The milk of asses is useful against lethal drugs and against intestinal ulcers and dysentery. Ram’s meat is useful against an (over)shot of cantharides; eating some of its grilled liver astricts the belly; and dripping some of its gall, (mixed) together with a little honey, into the ear, eases the pain. If you boil the liver of a goat and drip some of the stock into a blurred eye, it helps; if you take some of its hide at the time of skinning and put it on snakebites and (injuries due to) flogging, it helps that; its milk is useful for (the treatment of) intestinal ulcers, and so is its suet; putting some of its dung on the bites of crawling animals and (other) beasts of prey is useful, and when ground, kneaded with honey and smeared over the body it helps against rheumatism, and against tumours of the spleen (when mixed) with vinegar. Dog’s urine smeared on warts eradicates them. Dioscorides says (that) if someone who has been bitten by a rabid dog eats the liver of the dog that bit him, he will be helped; and if you hang one of the fangs of a rabid dog upon the one who was bitten, he (too) will be helped.\(^\text{147}\) If you wash the head with camel’s urine, it is useful against ringworm and ulcers on the scalp; and if you drip some of it into the ear, it is useful against auricular ulcers. The milk of a cow (is useful) against humoral putridity and promotes sexual intercourse; and if you take its hair and sprinkle it into the ear, it stops nosebleed. If you take the right eye of a wolf, dry it and hang it upon an infant, (this child) will have no fear; the same (is true for) the fangs and the skin (of the wolf). If you take (one) of the right fangs of a fox and hang it on the right ear, (the pain) will subside; and if you hang (one) of its left fangs on the left ear, it is (also) useful against auricular pain. Dioscorides says (that) if you put a split mouse on the sting of a scorpion, it will be clearly useful;\(^\text{148}\) and if you put it on (other) wounds, it pulls out arrowheads and spikes. If one exposes the extremities of (his) body to the smoke of (burning) hare’s fur, he will not be afraid of cold;

\(^{147}\) κυνὸς δὲ λυσσῶντος ἦπαρ βιβρωσκόμενον ὑπὸ τῶν δηχθέντων ύπ’ αὐτοῦ ἀπεριπτώτους ὕδροφόβα τηρεῖν πεπίστευται χρῶνται δὲ εἰς προφυλακὴν καὶ τῷ κυνόδοντι τοῦ δακόντος ἐνδέοντες εἰς κυστίδα καὶ περιάπτοντες τῷ βραχίονι, see Dioscorides (Wellmann) 1/135.

\(^{148}\) μύας τοὺς κατοικίδιους ἀνασχισθέντας σκορπιοπλήκτοι ὑφελίμως ἐπιτίθεσθαι ὤμολογεῖται, see Dioscorides (Wellmann) 1/143.