

FAQ on Sarcoptic Mange

HOW DID MY DOG GET SCABIES?

DOGS GET SCABIES FORM DIRECT CONTACT WITH INFECTED DOGS.

WHAT DOES SCABIES LOOK LIKE?

THE MITES THEMSELVES ARE MICROSCOPIC AND LOOK A BIT LIKE TICKS AND LIVE DEEP IN THE SKIN. THE ANIMALS ARE VERY ITCHY AND HAVE A RASH AND HAIR LOSS. OFTEN THE DOG WITH HAVE VERY CRUSTY EAR TIPS.

CAN PEOPLE GET SCABIES?

YES THEY CAN. IT IS USUALLY SELF-LIMITING, BUT IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT ANY AFFECTED HUMANS CONTACT THEIR FAMILY PHYSICIAN. SIGNS IN PEOPLE AND ANIMALS DO NOT DEVELOP FOR 2-6 WEEKS AFTER EXPOSURE TO AN INFECTED ANIMAL.

HOW IS SCABIES TREATED?

THERE ARE MULTIPLE TREATMENTS AVAILABLE. MOST SCABIES CASES ARE TREATED WITH IVERMECTIN SHOTS 2 WEEKS APART – AT LEAST 2 SHOTS ARE NEEDED. SOMETIMES MITABAN DIP IS USED IN ADDITION TO THE IVERMECTIN. WEEKLY LIME-SULFUR DIPS ARE ALSO OCCASIONALLY USED. IF THE SKIN IS INFECTED ANTIBIOTICS WILL ALSO BE SENT HOME.

CAN MY DOG GET IT AGAIN?

YES – IF IT IS IN CONTACT WITH INFECTED ANIMALS – THERE IS NO IMMUNITY FOR THIS PARASITE.