

Itchy Scratchy Dogs or other critters.

Itchy Itches
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Even more Itches



Summer is here and with it, the season of scratches, itches, lumps and bumps.

Dogs are prone to skin problems like other animals, and get rashes, and hot spots. Sometimes the cure is as simple as adding Gamalinoleic Acid to their diet. GLA as it is known is found in tinned Sardines, tinned Salmon and the like it is also in Flax seed oil, Evening Primrose oil and castor oil. Taken internally it has been known to stop the itchy scratchy times and give the animal great relief.

It is important that skin conditions be treated with care, just in case there is an infection present and your veterinary surgeon will be able to confirm this for you and prescribe accordingly.

Some of the skin problems that exist are, Flea bite allergy, Allergic contact dermatitis (caused by poison ivy - wandering Jew) Food allergies, lack of tolerance to heat, and many other things. Homeopathic remedies work well in the treatment of skin conditions, if the condition is of long standing or a complicated nature then consult your local homeopath.

Here are some remedies for skin eruptions - remember the idea is to get the remedy most similar to that of your pet's problem. Give three tablets (single tablet doses) on the first day and then one dose daily for about three to five days. This list is a small sample of remedies most commonly used for skin eruptions.

Mercury 30c commonly wet eruptions, often at the base of the tail, itchy, oozing and the animal will bite and rub until the hair is removed leaving a bare wet sticky or crusty patch. It is often itchy in bed at night.

Sulphur 30c - dry eruptions, intensely itchy. The animal will scratch until it bleeds. The itch is made worse by heat or getting over heated and especially worse from washing or getting wet. The animal will often have foul smelling flatus.

Arsenic 30c Dry rough, scaly skin, red with an intense itch. The skin can look burnt like sunburn, and can be hot to the touch. The animal may however, seem to be chillier than normal seeking out the sun or lying by the heater. Skin complaints of this type can alternate with internal problems such as diarrhoea. The animal despite its skin being so hot is made very much better by heat. A

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good remedy for dry scurfy skin conditions. The animal can be restless and anxious.

Rhus Tox 30c - little blisters, very itchy, can be on the body and the face as well especially around the mouth. The animal is restless and can't settle anywhere for long. Eczema that starts as small blisters which then rupture when bitten or scratched. The eruptions are moist and crusty and are often either in the groin or the hairy-er parts of the dog.

Apis 30c - eczema like eruptions following a sting or bites, intense redness with swelling of the affected area. Apis can be used for a sudden rash which generally appears all over the whole body with swelling of the face and extremities.

Urtica Urens 30c allergic type eczemas, with irritation and stinging, which drives the animal to distraction. Allergic rashes that appear at the same time each year.

In the case of **sunburn** use a remedy called Cantharis 30c and topical application of either Calendula cream or Hypercal lotion.

After a remedy one of three things will happen, (a) nothing, as you have given the wrong remedy (b) the animal gets temporarily worse then slowly gets better (c) the animal just gets better. Don't despair you will do no harm, watch your animal carefully, and if you have not got a satisfactory result, within 3 – 5 days consult your vet and your homeopath.

Note:

The advice and suggestions on this page are not intended to replace qualified veterinary advice. If the animal is in pain or distress consult your vet first.