

Itchy Dog Diagnostic Approach: What's Causing the Itch?

1

STOP THE ITCH to Provide Relief

Anti-Pruritic Therapy _____



2

Rule Out PARASITES (fleas, scabies, other)

Flea comb, skin scrapes: _____

Flea Control Trial _____

Medical Progress Exam _____

3

Treat SKIN INFECTION

BACTERIAL INFECTION

Typical lesions _____ Skin Cytology _____ Skin culture _____

Topical Therapy : Shampoo _____ Frequency _____

Spray/Wipe/Mousse _____ Frequency _____

Antibiotic Therapy _____

YEAST DERMATITIS

Skin Cytology _____

Topical Antifungal Therapy _____

Systemic Antifungal Therapy _____

Medical Progress Exam _____

4

Conduct a DIETARY TRIAL (if food allergy is suspected)

Diet Trial – 8 Weeks

Diet _____

Treats _____

Refer to separate step by step food trial handout _____

Medical Progress Exam _____

5

Confirm ATOPIC DERMATITIS

Anti-Pruritic Anchor Treatment _____

Oral Ectoparasite Therapy (year-round) _____

Bathing/Topical Therapy _____

Diet _____

Continue Foundational Itch Relief At Every Step Along The Way



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TOGETHER, WE'RE CHANGING THE APPROACH TO THE PRURITIC DOG...
and protecting the bonds that matter most

Additional resources at www.ScienceOfStrongerBonds.com

Client: _____

Patient: _____

DVM: _____

Date: _____

How Itchy is Your Dog?

Our goal is to ensure that you and your dog get back to enjoying life as soon as possible, itch free.

Tracking the level of itch your dog is experiencing, at each step of our work-up to diagnose the underlying cause of his/her itch, is critically important. Your recording below will aid in providing appropriate relief throughout the process and in the event of long term management, help us achieve optimal comfort.

Please review the itch descriptions below:



How to rate your dog's itch

- EXTREMELY SEVERE ITCHING 100** Dog is scratching, chewing, licking almost continuously. Itching practically never stops, regardless of what else is happening around the dog.
- SEVERE ITCHING 80** Prolonged episodes of itching when the dog is awake. Itching occurs at night and also when eating, playing or exercising, or when otherwise distracted.
- MODERATE ITCHING 60** Regular episodes of itching when the dog is awake. Itching may occur at night and wake the dog. No itching when eating, playing, exercising or being distracted.
- MILD ITCHING 40** Moderately frequent episodes of itching. There may be occasional episodes of itching at night. No itching when sleeping, eating, playing, exercising or being distracted.
- VERY MILD ITCHING 20** Occasional episodes of itching. The dog is slightly more itchy than before the problem began.
- NORMAL DOG 0** Itching is not a problem.

Itch Tracker

Place a dot in the appropriate column below, aligned with the description that best describes your dog's itching, and bring this sheet to your pet's next appointment.

EXTREMELY SEVERE ITCHING	100														
	90														
SEVERE ITCHING	80														
	70														
MODERATE ITCHING	60														
	50														
MILD ITCHING	40														
	30														
VERY MILD ITCHING	20														
	10														
NORMAL DOG	0														
		DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5	DAY 6	DAY 7	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	WEEK 6	WEEK 7	WEEK 8

We look forward to seeing you at your next appointment, or sooner if you are concerned.

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