

Dog Scratching at Skin

The causes and treatments of a dog's skin scratching.

CAUSES OF SKIN SCRATCHING

Parasites/Parasite-borne diseases: Fleas, ticks, or mites.

Allergies/hypersensitivities: Fleas, atopy (allergy to inhaled substances), or food allergies.

Infectious diseases: Dermatitis caused by bacteria (pyoderma), often with secondary yeast infection.

Miscellaneous: Secondary seborrhea (occurs secondary to another skin problem).

Congenital/Inherited disorders: Primary seborrhea.

Tumors: On skin.

Drug reaction: Ketoconazole (antifungal).

What to do: Scratching at the skin is not an emergency. Call your veterinarian during regular office hours to make an appointment.

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