

Yorkie Hair Loss and Eczema

Eczema is the most common skin disease with which dogs -yorkie dogs- are afflicted. It is frequently mistaken for ringworm and mange, with which it has no relation at all. Eczema, if left untreated, will eventually lead to **yorkie hair loss**.

Eczema is not of parasite origin, is not contagious or infectious, and cannot be conveyed from one dog to another or dog to humans. This does not mean that this skin disease is easy to control or that it may be neglected.



This is characterized by erythema, the development of papules, vesicles, and pustules, a serious discharge, formation of crusts, intense itching, loss of hair, and a marked tendency to become chronic.

The most common site for the development of eczema is the region around the base of the tail and spreading along the back line to the shoulders and neck. No part of the body, however, is exempt from lesions that have just begun.

The skin around the scrotum or the vulva is often affected. A moist form of eczema with a brownish discharge often attacks the ear canal and the skin between the toes.

Eczema occurs in two kinds: one is an acute moist condition referred to as weeping eczema, the other and most common is a dry condition that tends to be chronic. In the moist, acute form, the development of the disease is rapid.

Its principal characteristics are an intense reddening of the skin, persistent itching, formation of vesicles, loss of hair, and a glistening moist appearance of the skin.

The chronic type usually begins with a simple dermatitis which slowly develops and grows much more intense. It is characterized by an inflammation and skin eruptions, intense itching, loss of hair, and the appearance of scurf, crusts, and scabs.

This skin disease is prevalent during summer, especially in hot, humid weather. In some yorkies it has a tendency to clear up spontaneously during the winter months, only to reappear again in the following spring and summer.

There is no cure for eczema, except to find and remove the source of it. That cause may be obscure and difficult to discover. Once removed, this skin disease tends to disappear of its own accord.

It must be taken into consideration that all eczemas have not the same cause. What is one yorkie's food may be another dog's poison. Dogs possess food idiosyncrasies, just as people do.

For a thorough understanding and prevention of eczema which cause *yorkie hair loss*, it is better to consult the expert advice of your veterinarian.