



Pet Care NOTES



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WHEN YOUR CAT'S DRY SKIN IS TROUBLE

You may notice flakes on your cat's fur, or that she is scratching a lot. Cats can get dry skin just like humans can, so be sure to brush your cat if necessary, feed her high-quality food, and talk to your veterinarian about essential oils. But don't dismiss a serious condition simply as "dry skin." If your cat has any skin irritation such as sores, redness, or other bumps, it is likely that dry skin is not the only cause. Hair loss in patches or all over the skin is not normal either. Watch to see if your cat's coat is dry and dull or if she licks her feet frequently or rubs her face.

Recovery from skin problems will be quicker if your pet is brought to the veterinarian at the first sign of symptoms. The sooner the condition is diagnosed, the sooner treatment and healing can begin. Our complete-care practice offers up-to-date procedures and facilities for small pets of all kinds, including pocket pets, rabbits, and exotics. For an appointment for your pet's skin and hair care, routine wellness visits, dietary counseling, illness and trauma treatment, and other healthcare concerns, please visit our website. We also stock a complete line of high quality pet foods, vitamins, flea & tick prevention products, and grooming aids. We have boarding & grooming facilities available too.

FACT: Do not use human lotions on cats to treat dry skin. It will only get caught in their fur.

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