

Pet Care NOTES



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WHICH DOGS ARE AT MOST RISK FOR EAR INFECTIONS?

Ear infection (otitis externa) is an inflammation of the outer ear. It can occur in any dog, but there are certain physical characteristics that predispose some dogs to the condition. Dogs with long, floppy ears are more likely to get ear infections, as are dogs that have water or hair in their ears. A history of parasites, trauma to the ear, and tumors can also predispose a dog to ear infection. Some dog breeds are more likely to have abnormally shaped ear canals, which can lead to infections. Those breeds include Chinese shar-pei, chow chows, and English bulldogs. Poodles, terriers, and spaniels are also inclined to have abnormally shaped ear canals. Many ear infections in dogs occur in humid weather.

Don't let your pet suffer with this uncomfortable condition. Recovery from problems like ear infections will be quicker if you take your pet to the veterinarian when symptoms first appear. Unusual behavior almost always signals that something is wrong. When you see your vet for diagnosis and treatment, you will also learn about home care instructions for your pet's optimal well-being. If you have questions about caring for your special friend, please don't hesitate to call us at our full service animal care clinic, where we treat dogs and cats, pocket pets, rabbits, and exotics. Ask us for a tour of our very modern facility.

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