



Pet Care NOTES



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TREATING HOT SPOTS ON YOUR DOG

If you have noticed some bald, irritated or oozing spots on your dog's skin, chances are that he or she has a "hot spot." A hot spot is an area of the skin that has become inflamed because of infection. Hot spots can make dogs uncomfortable, cranky, and snappy. If you notice your dog has one, trim the hair around the sore and wash the area. Some dogs may need medication or a collar that prevents them from biting themselves. Dogs with heavy coats or fur that gets tangled easy are more susceptible to hot spots. If you have a dog with this type of fur, regular grooming can help prevent the development of hot spots.

Don't expect your dog to ignore a hot spot and let it disappear on its own. Most likely, it won't. At the first sign of symptoms, see your veterinarian. It takes an experienced eye and professional medical training to make an accurate diagnosis and to formulate a treatment plan. If you're a new pet owner and haven't yet found a veterinarian, we invite you to call us here in Hagerstown, or stop by and get acquainted. If you are taking your pet on vacation with you this summer, ask us about microchipping to ensure your pet's safety. For more information or to schedule an appointment, visit our website.

FACT: Legs, feet, back, and rump are the most common areas on which dogs get hot spots.

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