



Natural Help for...



Pet Ringworm

What is Ringworm?

Ringworm, also referred to as dermatophytosis, is a **highly contagious fungal infection of the skin**. It typically affects the scalp, body and nails. **Ringworm** tends to affect younger animals more frequently. Pets with weakened immune systems or pre-existing skin disorders are also more susceptible to **ringworm**.

What Causes Ringworm?

This infection is transmitted directly from one animal to the other animal. Pets may also spread the infection to people or it may be spread from person to person. Because fungi is part and parcel of our environment, this infection in pets **may also be spread indirectly by sharing food** and water bowls, hair brushes, sleeping environments or digging in contaminated soil.

Fungi that Cause Ringworm

There are three types of **fungi that cause ringworm** and these include *Microsporum canis*, *Microsporum gypseum* and *Trichophyton mentagrophytes*:

- In cats, most cases of ringworm develop as a result of *Microsporum canis*
- In dogs, most cases of ringworm develop as a result of *Microsporum gypseum*
- Both dogs and cats may develop ringworm as a result of *Trichophyton mentagrophytes* if they are exposed to rodents or the burrows they inhabit.

Diagnosing Ringworm

The **diagnosis is based on the appearance of the skin** as well as performing certain diagnostic tests. Tests such as a complete blood count (CBC), biochemical profile, urinalysis and fungal culture may be performed. In addition, further tests such as a Woods lamp examination as well as microscopic examination of hairs may also be performed to confirm the **diagnosis of ringworm**.

Symptoms and signs

The most common symptoms and **signs of ringworm** include:

- Small patches or circular areas of hair loss
- Inflamed, scaly skin
- Scratching and itchiness



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Help for Ringworm

Treatment involves various oral and topical medications, vaccinations against [ringworm](#) as well as proper hygiene and sanitation of your home and pet's environment. In some pets, [ringworm](#) resolves by itself. However, medications can **cure the infection and speed recovery**. Oral medications such as Griseofulvin, Ketoconazole or lufenuron may be prescribed but have been known to cause serious side effects.

Topical treatments such as shampoos and anti-fungal creams are used to **reduce infection in other people and animals**. Your pet's hair will be clipped in order for treatment to be more effective.

While **vaccinations for ringworm are available**, they are not effective alone and should be used in conjunction with oral or topical therapy. Make sure that you clean your home and pet's environment thoroughly with sodium hypochlorite solution (bleach) and avoid contact with other pets.

Natural Remedies

Natural and holistic treatments have proven to be highly effective in **treating skin problems** in both humans and pets. Herbal and aromatherapy treatments are safe and gentle to use on your pet without any harsh side effects.

Carefully selected ingredients such as Melaleuca alternifolia (Tea Tree Oil), Azadirachta indica (Neem), Calendula officinalis (Marigold) and Hamamelis virginianum (Witchhazel) **promotes healthy skin** and coat in your dog or cat and helps to support the immune system.

Tips to Prevent Ringworm in Pets

There are a number of things that you can do to [prevent ringworm](#) in both dogs and cats and these include:

- Feed your pet high quality commercial food or an all natural diet without preservatives, additives or colorants
- Always provide fresh, clean water for your pet to flush out toxins and – prevent dehydration
- Practice good sanitation habits such as regularly disinfecting and cleaning your pet's food and water bowls as well as sleeping environment
- Do not share your pet's food bowls, grooming items, blankets or toys with other pets
- Bath or spray your pet with an antifungal repellent upon his return from cat or dog shows as well communal kennels and catteries
- Wash your hands thoroughly after handling pets
- Avoid exposing a dog or cat with ringworm to other animals or people
- Make sure that your pet's vaccinations are updated regularly
- Visit your vet annually for routine check ups and to ensure the overall health and wellbeing of your pet

The Natural Approach



Michele Carelse, Clinical Psychologist



All of our natural remedies are formulated by our expert team of herbalists, naturopaths and homeopaths, and headed by Michele Carelse.

Michele has had years of experience in the manufacturing and use of natural remedies for both people and pets. In addition, she is a trained Clinical Psychologist and has been incorporating natural remedies into her treatment of patients with depression, anxiety, ADD, ADHD and stress for many years with spectacular results.

While Western medicine has become the norm in many cultures, it is not the only treatment option. Conventional western medicine, often called allopathic medicine, is the system of medicine taught at most medical schools and most pharmaceutical and synthetic medicines are manufactured and marketed according to the principles of allopathic medicine. Allopathic medicine is also sometimes called orthodox medicine.

Because most of us in the Western world have grown up in a society in which allopathic medicine is the prevailing norm, we forget that, only a few decades ago, homeopathic, herbal and other natural medicines were commonly available – and freely used even by conventional doctors and veterinarians. While there are often heated debates about which system of medicine is 'better' than the other, many responsible doctors and vets (whether they are allopathic or not) recognize that both have a role to play in the treatment program.

Just like humans, domesticated animals like dogs and cats are affected by the health hazards of modern living. Pollution, poor nutrition, stress and unhealthy lifestyles can lead to a variety of illnesses and conditions that are very similar to those experienced by humans. In fact, many, if not most pet health concerns can be addressed by helping your pets to live a healthier lifestyle. While it has its place, conventional medicine for animals and 'modern technology' have failed our pets in many ways.

According to pet expert and author CJ Puotinen, most holistic veterinarians and animal health care professions list annual vaccinations and commercial pet foods as the major contributory cause in the rising rates of chronic illness in pets today. Similarly, Juliette de Bairacli Levy, respected author and renowned animal breeder, points out that contrary to the belief that mass vaccination and antibiotic use will contribute to a decrease in disease, the opposite has in fact proved true. Like their human counterparts, today's pets are becoming more and more vulnerable to chronic disease and ill health. This has led many veterinarians to search for alternatives and to espouse more holistic methods of keeping our pets healthy.

"In the wild, animals instinctively seek out healing herbs to help them when they are ill or undernourished. In fact, Asclepius, the ancient Greek god of medicine, respected dogs very highly for their ability to seek out and eat medicinal herbs in the wild. This ability is shared by other animals, including cats. We are coming to realize that nature often has the answers - but animals have always known this! Natural medicine can help your pet just as it can help you. While there is always a place for conventional veterinary medicine, natural medicine can compliment conventional veterinary care and in many cases do just as well. I have applied the same care and research that have gone into our Native Remedies range for adults and children to the development of pet-friendly, safe and effective natural remedies for animals. As always, all remedies are formulated to the highest therapeutic standards and manufactured under strict pharmaceutical conditions for your peace of mind and the well being of your pets. " Michele Carelse, Clinical Psychologist.

"When a veterinary surgeon practices the use of homeopathic medicine and is asked why he does so, he may give one of several answers. The simple answer would be that the results are good, an emphatic answer would be that homeopathic treatment has no unpleasant or dangerous side effects, while still achieving successful results.

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Dr. Glenn Ferguson
M-Tech Homeopathy, Doctor of Chinese Medicine

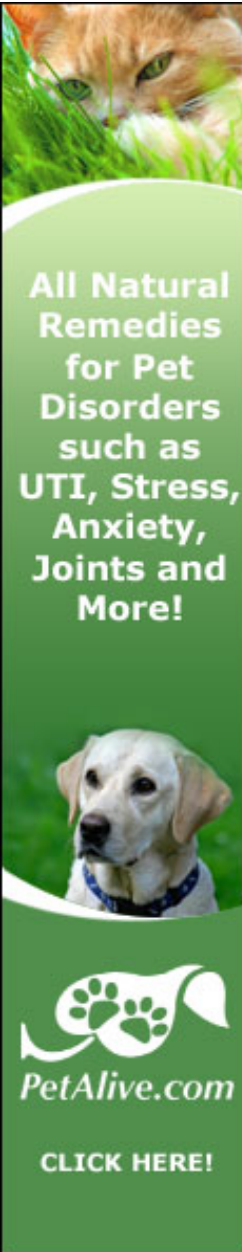
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