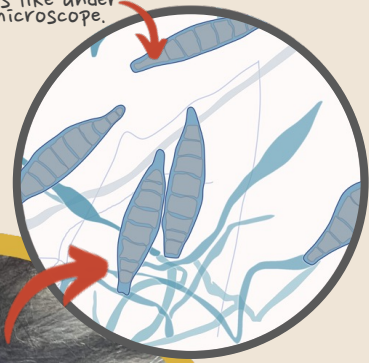


What should you do if you're worried your cat or dog has

RINGWORM?



What ringworm looks like under a microscope.



Ringworm is a contagious skin problem caused by a type of fungus called a dermatophyte.

People usually get ringworm from other people. But in some cases, especially in young children, people get ringworm from their dog or their cat.

Ringworm is very contagious, so if you are worried your pet may have ringworm, it is always best to be on the safe side and take precautions with any animal that is showing signs of ringworm infection.



Ringworm Sore

Signs of Ringworm in cats and Dogs



- Dry, scaly patches of skin
- Circular or irregular in shape
- Grey or red in colour
- Hairless or with thin, broken hairs in the middle
- May be itchy

What Should You Do if Your Pet Has Ringworm?

Ringworm can be treated with special medicines or shampoos from a vet.

Even though ringworm can sometimes go away on its own, it's better to have your pet treated by a vet because cats and dogs with ringworm can infect people and other animals.

If you think your dog or cat has ringworm, talk to your vet service provider.



Tips for Keeping Your Family Safe

- 1 Take your pet to the vet to get the right medicine.
- 2 If one of your pets has ringworm, get all the pets in your house checked by a vet.
- 3 Dogs and cats with ringworm should be kept in a one area of the house or yard. This area should be easy to clean.
- 4 While your pet is taking its medicine, your pet should be handled as little as possible.
- 5 Wear a long-sleeved shirt and disposable gloves when handling any animal with signs of ringworm.
- 6 Change your clothes immediately after touching or giving medicine to a sick dog or cat. Wash the dirty clothing as soon as possible in hot water.
- 7 Clean and disinfect your house to remove pet hair that may have ringworm on it.

cleaning Your Home

Step 1: clean Laundry

Wash any towels, blankets, bedding or clothing your pet has been in contact with. Use hot water and laundry soap. Wash these items separately from the rest of your laundry.

Step 2: clean Pet Bowls

Wash dog and cat bowls in hot, soapy water. Any pet items that cannot be properly cleaned should be tossed in the bin.

Step 3: Remove Pet Hair

Remove pet hair from all of the surfaces in your home using a broom and/or a vacuum to remove visible dirt and pet hair.

Step 4: clean & Disinfect

Wipe down all the surfaces in your home to remove any remaining dust, dirt, and pet hair. Once everything is clean and dry use a disinfectant (like bleach) to disinfect hard surfaces.



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