

Skin and Ear Flare-Ups Are on the Rise

Book Your Dog's Check Now

Has your dog ever had itchy skin or ear infections? An unexpected increase in itchiness may be a sign of infection.

It's that time of year again... ☀️ Many dogs are becoming more itchy and inflamed as the warm Northern Beaches weather triggers flare-ups and increases yeast and bacterial overgrowth. Even dogs who are usually well-controlled can struggle. Early assessment is the best way to prevent discomfort and avoid the itch–scratch cycle that becomes harder to break when problems are left untreated.



What's Causing the Skin or Ear Problem?

Our vets perform a thorough skin and ear examination and use in-consult cytology to better understand the factors contributing to your dog's skin or ear problems. With skilled sampling techniques — sticky-tape impressions for the skin and gentle swabs for the ears — we can identify yeast, bacteria and inflammatory cells under the microscope during your visit. This helps your vet make accurate, informed treatment decisions within the same consultation.

We take samples from areas where inflammation commonly occurs — usually the paws, belly, lips, tail base and the ears. Anal glands are also expressed if needed, at no extra charge.



Consultation, skin & ear assessment + in-house cytology: \$196.20



Shampoo & Skin Care

Many dogs improve simply by reducing the organisms living on the skin. Cytology helps us select the right medicated shampoo, moisturiser or barrier-support product for your dog.


All recommended shampoos and supplements are 25% off in February and March.



Management Options

Depending on your dog's needs, treatment may involve:

- Targeted medicated shampoos
- Skin supplements
- Topical ear and skin treatments
- Oral medications for significant infection
- Modern anti-itch therapies to reduce inflammation and self-trauma

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If your dog has red or itchy skin, inflamed ears, or has been licking, chewing, scratching or shaking their head, now is the ideal time for a check-up.

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Warm regards,
The Team at Pittwater Animal Hospital