

Skin care

Skin is animals' largest organ. It provides mechanical barrier towards external irritants e.g. pathogens. Correct hygiene for pets includes grooming the hair/fur and wash when required. Dirty pet is more prone on skin damage.

Derma4 Gentle shampoo is suitable for frequent use as it washes hair gently without irritating the skin. Derma4 also moisturises and calms the skin and reduces efficiently dandruff. The natural oils in the shampoo treat and produce a lustrous shine to dogs and cats hair. The shampoo can be easily rinsed off.

Reserve time for the wash of your pet. Wet the hair thoroughly and the skin. Apply undiluted to very dirty areas. For normal use shampoo can well be diluted. Rinse well all hair and skin. Dry your pet properly. Derma9 Luxury Shine&Care spray can be used as a conditioner into wet or dry hair. Derma9 is also an excellent moisturiser for flaky and dry skin.

SOLHEDS Derma-products have successfully treated animals in this flyer with allergic, infected, flaking, dry and itchy skin.



Skin damage, cuts, grazes, chafes, wounds

Smaller cuts and wounds can often be taken care by homecare/self. Basic care for the smaller wounds is to keep the damaged area clean. The essential oils in Derma1 skin care shampoo purifies the wound area without impairing the surrounding skin. For managing the open wound suits non sting Derma6 wound oil, which also provide the necessary moist on wound. Cuts, where the skin is not broken, can additional help be gained from Derma2 Calming Serum. It contains natural essential oils aimed to aid recovery of itchy and inflamed skin. The essential oils make licking of the treated area uncomfortable for the dogs.

Instructions for the use of Derma products in skin damage

1. Wet and rinse the damaged skin with water from all dirt. Massage carefully Derma1 skin care shampoo on affected area and leave for 3 minutes. Rinse well and let the area dry/dry the affected area with clean towel.
2. Massage on dry, clean affected area and it's surroundings Derma2 Calming serum. Do not apply on open wounds.
3. On open wounds spray Derma6 wound oil directly to affected area after water wash.

Stab, incision, bite and large wounds require usually veterinarian. Contact your veterinarian in these cases and always when you are uncertain on how to treat.

Allergic skin

A typical chronic skin problem in pets is skin allergy. These are usually itchy and get the pets to react on allergic skin by licking, biting and rubbing, which worsens the inflammation.

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1. **Avoid the cause of allergy** – Investigate with the veterinarian what your pet is allergic to. Exclude and avoid these products and compounds.
2. **Treat the skin** – Keep the skin clean and take care of the skins moisture balance. Often the washing with water is sufficient. In case of local infection risk (e.g. scratches, open skin) and to support the local treatment wash the affected area with Derma1 skin care shampoo. Massage Derma2 serum/Derma11 Anti-Itch Spray on dry skin. On very dry skin Derma5 Germ Fighting cream is the choice on washing days. Derma2 serum/Derma11 Anti-Itch spray suits for the daily management of the allergic skin. It is recommended to apply Derma2 serum/Derma11 spray twice a day.
3. **Treat the allergic inflammation** – Veterinarian prescribes anti-inflammatory medication (corticosteroids) when required. Derma2 serum has been excellent aid in soothing the allergic inflammation in horses allergic summer exzema. In chronic diseases like allergy, the basic care is good maintenance therapy.



How to manage skin infections



Wet hair and underneath moist skin provides excellent growth conditions for unwanted microbes.

Part of the skin conditions become chronic. The very common are in dogs "hot spots". It is important to investigate with veterinarian the cause. Depending on the case the required examinations and medication is evaluated by veterinarian. After this continues the appropriate skin care. Principally the skin is kept dry and clean, in order to weaken the growth conditions of pathogens. In most of the cases the hair is clipped from the infected area. Management of deeper skin infections e.g. furunkulosis (paw infection), a supportive local treatment of the affected areas is applied.

Derma product line can aid in the management of skin infections. Wash the affected skin with Derma1 skin care shampoo (extent the leave in time to 5–10 minutes, see skin damage) and apply on dry, clean skin Derma5 Germ Fighting cream. After the calming of the acute infection and in milder infections Derma2 serum is the choice after Derma1 shampoo wash. The sooner the infection is diagnosed and treatment started, the better the outcome is. It is recommended to apply Derma2 serum and Derma5 cream twice a day.

In prolonged infections and to find the cause of the infection contact your veterinarian.

