



## DEMODECTIC MANGE : INFORMATION FOR OWNERS

**YOUR DOG HAS BEEN DIAGNOSED** as having generalized demodicosis (demodectic mange). The mite *Demodex canis* is a normal inhabitant of all dogs' skin but in some animals the mite population grows out of control to a point where there is skin disease. This may show up as 1 small spot (localized demodicosis) or may infect almost the entire body. The reason the disease becomes generalized is most likely related to a deficiency in the immune system. It is therefore advised that animals diagnosed with generalized demodicosis never be used for breeding as this deficiency can be genetically transmitted.

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- Treatment consists of the use of a medicated dip every \_\_\_\_\_ week(s).  
If recommended, the hair coat should first be clipped very short to allow the dip to reach the surface of the skin.
- The dog should first be bathed with \_\_\_\_\_ then towel dried.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is diluted \_\_\_\_\_ vial(s) in \_\_\_\_\_ gallons of warm water in a metal or ceramic container. The diluted dip is sponged over the entire animal and is not rinsed off. Rubber gloves should be worn.
- Additional therapy consists of the use of \_\_\_\_\_
- Alternate therapy consists of the use of \_\_\_\_\_
- A recheck and skin scraping should be performed \_\_\_\_\_