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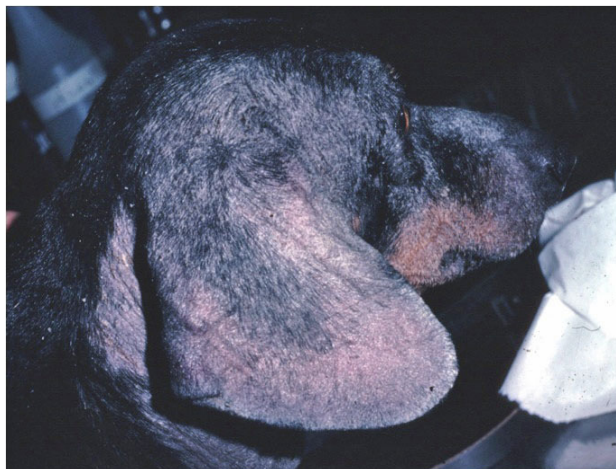


Animal Dermatology Clinic

Advancing the Art of Veterinary Dermatology

September 2012

Derm Disease of the Month: Ear Margin Dermatitis



This dachshund displays general loss of hair and scale on the margins of the ear, as is commonly found in ear margin dermatitis.

Ear margin dermatitis is an uncommon skin condition affecting the edges of the ears in dogs. At first glance, it may appear as a vasculitis, another disease that affects the edges of animals' ears, but the underlying causes are different. Whereas the many possible causes of vasculitis have been identified, ear margin dermatitis is largely idiopathic, meaning the exact cause is not known.

Ear margin dermatitis is described mainly in dachshunds but other breeds may be affected most of which also have long hanging ears: Dobermans, Dalmatians, Springer Spaniels, Cocker Spaniels, Beagles and Bassett Hounds. There have been reported cases in dogs with erect ears and dogs with ear crops as well.

Patients with this condition usually have a gray to yellow crust and greasy material and follicular casting along the margins and tips of the ears. Scraping can generally readily remove the material and matted hairs; in others it is firmly attached. The skin in these areas is dry and scaly, although in more severe cases painful fissures that bleed easily may be present. This can lead to head shaking which causes further damage to the cracked skin on the ear margins. Most pets do not display evidence of pruritus or itchiness. *(continued, page 2)*

New Resident Joins Animal Dermatology Clinic



Animal Dermatology Clinic is pleased to announce a new resident joining the ADC family.

Dr. Kacie Stetina (pictured above with her dog Syrus) will be spending her residency and receiving cases at our San Diego, CA clinic. She completed her bachelor's degree in biochemistry at Arizona State University and graduated from Tufts Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine in 2011. She then completed a one-year small animal rotating internship at the VCA West Los Angeles. Upon finishing her internship, she accepted a residency position with the Animal Dermatology Clinic's San Diego location in July 2012.

Dr. Stetina's interest in dermatology began in 2006, when her own personal dog required a veterinary dermatologist.

Animal Dermatology Clinic was the first private veterinary dermatology practice to offer a residency program and continues to train and mentor veterinarians in this rigorous and demanding program.

Outside of the clinic Dr. Stetina enjoys outdoor activities, traveling, trying both local and ethnic cuisines, playing volleyball and basketball, and spending time training and exercising her American Bulldog. 🐕

September Date Set for Satellite in Fort Wayne, IN

Animal Dermatology Clinic - Indiana will begin a new satellite location in Fort Wayne beginning Tuesday, September 25. Dr. Darin Dell will be receiving cases at Aboite Animal Clinic, 4142 Covington Rd.

The initial schedule for Fort Wayne will be one day per month, but increase in the coming months.

This latest satellite location brings the total to 21 in 5 states, in addition to our seven full-time locations in four states.

"We hope that this new satellite will offer a convenience to pet owners in the Fort Wayne area. It will save them from driving over two hours to our Indianapolis location," says Don Fruta, Marketing Manager for Animal Dermatology Clinic.

Dr. Dell is a Fort Wayne resident and is equally pleased to be of service to pet owners in his city.

To make an appointment to see Dr. Dell in Fort Wayne, please call the Indianapolis clinic at 317-578-7773. 🐾



Dr. Darin Dell

Ear Margin Dermatitis, cont.

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Lesions usually appear on the tips of the ears, but can affect the entire border of the earflap.

The early diagnosis of ear margin dermatitis is based upon the breed, history and presence of the characteristic ear margin lesions. Scabies should be ruled out through skin scraping or trial acaricidal therapy. Other differentials including primary keratinization defects, hormonal issues, and vasculitis may require additional diagnostic procedures to differentiate.

Ear margin dermatitis is a noncurable condition, but in early stages of the disease it can be controlled with topical treatments.

Antiseborrheic/keratolytic agents will remove the scale, with treatments varying from daily to weekly. In very severe cases, weeks of daily treatment may be required before improvement is seen. The additional of moisturizers and emollients and the application of barrier function products may be helpful

The advanced stages of the disease with chronic splitting and damaged tissue may be resistant to medical therapy, and may require laser or surgical removal of the affected ear margin. 🐾



Another example of ear margin dermatitis showing the classic feature of localized hair loss on the ear of this dog.



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Pet Events in Your Area

The following events are listed for informational purposes only. Please contact the organization prior to attending as schedules may change without notice. Animal Dermatology Clinic has no affiliation with these events.

Louisville, KY

WE'LL BE THERE!

September 22 8AM – 3PM

Bark in the Park

Benefiting the Animal Care Society

Bark in the Park is a celebration of all things canine. Each September, The Animal Care Society welcomes the general public to one of Metro Louisville's most popular green spaces.

The Woof Walk. It is literally a stroll in the park! The Animal Care Society patrons preregister for \$25 (\$30 on that day) and collect addition pledge donations from pet loving friends and family!

Contests, Contests, Contests!

This year we'll put "Puppy Love" to the ultimate test as our judges try to **determine** which pooch has the best smooch in our

Kissing Contest. Dogs are then transformed in to flights of fantasy, science fiction or even cartoon characters as the

Halloween Costume Contest. The **Pet/Owner Look Alike Contest** will stretch our judges' imaginations as they try to figure out common features between people and their pets (without insulting dog or human!). Information: 502-426-6303

San Diego, CA

Sunday, September 9, 8AM

Free for spectators

Helen Woodward Animal Center hosts the seventh annual Surf Dog Surf-A-Thon at Del Mar Beach, the largest surf dog contest in the country. The Surf Dog Surf-A-Thon features more than 80 dogs surfing in four weight classes plus celebrity judges, a pet costume contest and more. Bring money and shop the vendor booths! Go to the website and learn how you can form a team to raise funds or become a sponsor. Proceeds benefit the pets and programs of Helen Woodward Animal Center. For more information, visit www.animalcenter.org or call 858-756-4117.

Pasadena, CA

Saturday, September 30, 8AM – 1PM

Wiggle Waggle Walk

Benefiting the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA. Come to the popular Wiggle Waggle Walk held at the Rose Bowl. Join thousands of animal lovers at the 2012 Wiggle Waggle Walk to help the more than 12,000 animals Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA cares for each year. Gather your family, friends, co-workers and canine companions. Collect donations and enjoy a scenic walk, jog or stroll of 1 to 3 miles around the Rose Bowl. Afterwards enjoy the fair with doggy contests, music, games for children, demonstrations, raffle drawing. Food and pet-related vendors.

Register at www.wigglewagglewalk.org or call 626-792-7151 for more information.

Atlanta, GA

September 23, 2012 12 noon to 5 pm

Paws in the Park 2012

Benefiting Atlanta Pet Rescue and Adoption

Admission: Free.

We invite you to be a part of Paws in the Park 2012! We are looking for registered walkers to bring their dogs for a great day in the park. Enjoy a wide variety of activities from demonstrations, a charity walk around the park, shopping with vendors, meeting some of our adoptable rescue dogs and mingling with our amazing sponsors.

For more information, please email info@pawsintheparkatlanta.com.

Huntington Beach, CA

Sunday, September 23 9AM (register at 7:30AM)

Walk for the Animals

The Orange County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (OCSPCA), with supporting sponsors, is proud to announce the 15th Annual 5K/2K Walk for the Animals. This pet friendly event will be Sunday, September 23rd at 9:00am in Central Park East (Golden West & Talbert Avenues behind the Central Library) in Huntington Beach.

Funds raised from the Walk help support the organization's programs including veterinary care for sick and injured animals; subsidized spay/neuter, feral cat rescue; cruelty prevention through humane education in the classroom; and pet-assisted therapy.

Registration is \$20.00 by September 17th and \$25.00 thereafter. Kids under 12 years are free. Packs of five or more pay \$15.00 each if pre-registered by September 17th. Registration forms can be obtained from the Orange County SPCA (714) 374-7738; email, ocspca@verizon.net, or from the website:

www.orangecountyspca.org

Registration on the day of the event starts at 7:30am...don't miss one of Orange County's best pet friendly events!

Noblesville, IN

Saturday, September 15, 8AM – 1230PM

Pet Day at Noblesville Farmers Market

At Riverview Hospital overflow lot.

In addition to the wide array of locally grown produce, meat, bedding plants, and fresh-cut flowers, locally-produced honey, handmade soaps, and fresh-baked goods, Pet Day features pet related vendors, free vet screenings, pet contests and animal rescues. If you and your Greyhound would like to volunteer, contact Bev Creamer at Bev_Creamer@GPAIndy.org.