

Does your pet need a Veterinary Dermatologist?

A Veterinary Dermatologist is a veterinarian that specializes in the largest organ of the body: the skin. They are experts in the diagnosis and treatment of skin, hair, nail and ear disorders. The veterinary dermatologist has the capability to do more extensive testing to determine the cause of your pet's discomfort; whether it is a severe skin infection, allergies or cancer associated with the skin. There are many different options of treatment for your pet's skin condition and many of those options are only available through the local veterinary dermatologist.

How do you know when your pet needs a veterinary dermatologist? Your pet's regular veterinarian is a great place to start when your pet is shaking their head, has an odor coming from their skin, sores and scabs, or is constantly licking and chewing. Many of the things that can cause these symptoms can be taken care of and resolved with the help of your veterinarian. When your pet is having these symptoms several times a year and there only seems to be a temporary relief with medications and treatments; that is when it's time to consider the expertise and assistance of a veterinary dermatologist.

As it is true with any issue that your pet may deal with, early detection is more likely get the best results in the end. Remember, you are the voice for your pet and it could be up to you to ask for the referral to the dermatologist.

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