

## MANGE IN DOGS

Brandsiek (A) Lekhwekhwe (P) Lekgwekgwe (S) Ikhwekhwe (X) Ukhwekhwe (Z)



Some people believe that some foods, especially fish, can cause mange but this is not true. Malnutrition and a weakened immune system may make a dog more susceptible to the mange mites.



Mange is a skin disease caused by tiny mites in the skin. These mites are so small that you can only see them under a microscope!

Mange is preventable and treatable. Dogs start scratching because their skin becomes very itchy. As the dog scratches some hair loss will be noticed.





If not treated the scratching and hair loss will become worse and the dog will be irritated and in pain. There will also be sores starting on the body. There will be a change in behaviour with the dog because they are in pain. They cannot heal without treatment

Eventually the skin becomes thick, dry and cracked with a lot of hair loss over the body of the dog. The skin will smell bad. This is very painful for the dog. Remember it is against the law to allow an animal to suffer.





## **Treatment for Mange**

Take your dog to the veterinarian, SPCA or other service provider so they can give your dog treatment to kill the mange mites. Your dog may be given dog dip and also injections and tablets to help them heal. Make sure you give these according to instruction. Dip your dog with the correct dip and once the mites are dead your dog will start healing. It may take several months for the hair to fully grow back.



Do not use Jeyes Fluid or Madobula this is toxic and will harm the dog.



1) Keep your dog in your yard because mange can spread easily to other dogs



2) The mange mites can live in the dogs house and bedding, so clean the house and bedding with dip



3) Only use dip made for treating mange and dip your dog according to the instructions. Dipping may need to be done weekly for 2-3 weeks to kill the mites

4) If your dog still isn't getting better then go back to your local SPCA or Veterinarian. Mange and similar conditions caused by mites can affect dogs, cats, farm animals, horses, donkeys, mules and wildlife. Even humans can become infested with mites, causing a disease called scabies. Prevention or suitable treatment is important for community health.

After successful treatment, your dog should be happy and healthy again!





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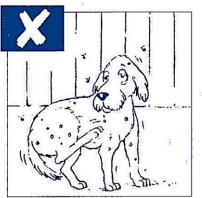


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## **DOG CARE**

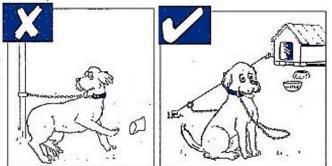


Dogs must have dog food to eat every day. Dog food is balanced and nutritious and will help keep your dog fit and strong.





Look after your dog especially they are sick. Take them to a Vet or SPCA. Prevent fleas and ticks by washing them in dog dip or taking them to the SPCA to be dipped. DO NOT use Jeyes Fluid, Madobula, paraffin or motor oil on them, which are harmful and could cause death.



Dogs need to run and get exercise to be strong and healthy. If your house is fenced all around and has a gate you can close, let your dog run free in your yard. You must NEVER tie him up all day on a short chain. If you must chain him up for any part of the day or night, then fix his chain onto a long wire, so that he can run up and down. He must be able to reach his food and water and be able to rest in the shade in summer and in the sun in winter.

Your dog needs good care, a weather-proof wooden kennel and remember, he will be able to guard your home and care for and protect your family ONLY if he can run free. If he is chained he is not able to protect you properly. Do not let your dogs run in the street.

Contact your SPCA or Vet to assist you to sterilize your dog so that they cannot have puppies. Male and female dogs can be sterilized. This is a good thing to do and prevents sexually transmitted diseases and other health problems. It also prevent unwanted or excess puppies.

Sterilise your dog – it's the RIGHT THING TO DO.





Puppies must be vaccinated against diseases (which can make them sick and even die) and get a booster vaccine every year. Some diseases (like Rabies) can also affect humans -keep your dog and your family healthy.



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You must be kind to your dog. If you are good to him he will always protect and love you. He can also feel pain like you, don't kick him or beat him or throw stones at him or burn him.

If you do not want your dog or puppies any more, take them to the SPCA, who will take them from you. Do not throw them away or try to kill them. This is very cruel.

