

How itchy is your dog?

10 point itch scale

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10 Extremely severe itching

Dog is scratching, chewing, licking almost continuously. Itching practically never stops regardless of what else is happening around the dog.

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8 Severe itching

Prolonged episodes of itching when the dog is awake. Itching occurs at night and also when eating, playing, exercising, or when otherwise distracted.

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6 Moderate itching

Regular episodes of itching when the dog is awake. Itching might occur at night and wake the dog. No itching when eating, playing, exercising or being distracted.

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4 Mild itching

Moderately frequent episodes of itching. There may be occasional episodes of itching at night. No itching when sleeping, eating, playing, exercising or being distracted.

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2 Very mild itching

Occasional episodes of itching. The dog is slightly more itchy than before the problem began.

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0 Normal dog

Itching is not a problem.



Your dog is itchy

Itchy skin is a condition that can cause your dog stress and discomfort, and keep you and your dog up at night.

The good news is that it can be easily and effectively treated. However it is still important to identify the underlying cause triggering the itch.

What causes itchy skin?

Itchy skin in dogs can have many causes, such as:



PARASITES



INFECTIONS



FOOD ALLERGIES



CONTACT ALLERGIES



ATOPIC DERMATITIS

What should you look out for?

- ✓ Constant licking, chewing, biting, or scratching
- ✓ Excessive rolling, rubbing, or scooting
- ✓ Foot chewing
- ✓ Hair loss
- ✓ Recurrent ear problems
- ✓ Rashes or sores
- ✓ Changes in skin colour
- ✓ Unusual smell

