



Signs of Allergies in Dogs

By AKC Canine Health Foundation

Effects of Allergies on Dogs – From the Dog’s Point of View

Dogs, like people, commonly develop allergies. Canine allergies usually cause dermatological (skin) problems, ear irritation and/or gastrointestinal upset. Allergies can be extremely detrimental to a dog’s health and to its quality of life. Continual scratching, licking and biting at irritated areas of skin often leads to physical sores, which can become infected. When the ears are affected, the constant head shaking and scratching can cause hematomas to develop, especially on the tips of the ear flaps. Hematomas are basically blood-filled blisters. If allergic reactions are particularly severe and prolonged, the dog may develop significant behavioral changes as well, as a result of its continual and inescapable discomfort.

Symptoms of Canine Allergies – What the Owner Sees

The visible signs of allergies mimic those of many other conditions. Dogs with allergies usually develop skin problems, ear problems or digestive/gastrointestinal upset. Owners of affected animals may notice one or more of the following symptoms:

Skin Irritation

- Itchiness; scratching; biting at skin
- Redness, rash; common in the groin and flank areas, on the paws, between the toes, behind the front legs (in the armpit/axial area), under the neck and on the chin
- Sneezing
- Bumps and white raised pustules; pimples
- Lethargy; weakness; general malaise
- Restlessness
- Red, weeping eyes

In an effort to relieve skin irritation, affected dogs may exhibit:

- Frequent and relentless scratching at affected areas
- Licking or chewing at affected areas
- Rolling on the floor or ground
- Moist sores called hot spots; prone to becoming infected

Ear Irritation

Dogs with allergies frequently develop infections or other irritation on their external ears and in their ear canals. Symptoms may include:

- Frequent and relentless scratching at the ears
- Head shaking; often vigorous and persistent
- Thinning of the hair in and around the ears
- Waxy build-up in the ears
- Abnormal yeast-like smell coming from the ears

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Coming Events

Conformation & Obedience

April 27-28, 2013

Walla Walla Kennel Club
Saturday: Harold N. Engel, D.V.M.
Sunday: Kathryn A. Cowsert

May 4-5, 2013

Olympia Dog Fanciers Assoc.
Elma, WA
Saturday: William R. Russell
Sunday: Bernadette F. Cox

May 11-12, 2013

Klamath Dog Fanciers, Inc.
Klamath Falls, OR
Saturday: Christina Hubbell
Sunday: Dr. Robert D. Smith

May 18-19, 2013

Mt. Baker Kennel Club
Lynden, WA
Judges TBD

May 25-26, 2013

Spokane Kennel Club
Spokane, WA
Saturday: Dr. Alvin W. Krause
Sunday: Robert L. Vandiver

May 27-28, 2013

Coeur d'Alene Dog Fanciers
Coeur d'Alene, ID
Monday: Judy Webb
Tuesday: Chris Walkowicz

June 1-2, 2013

Yakima Valley Kennel Club
Yakima, WA
Saturday: Loraine Boutwell
Sunday: Houston Clark

June 8-9, 2013

Western Washington
Puyallup, WA
Saturday: Bettyann Hale
Sunday: Leah Bertagnolli

June 11-12, 2013

Snake River Canyon Kennel Club
Filer, ID
Tuesday: Karen C. Wilson
Wednesday: Christina Hubbell

June 13-16, 2013

Blackfoot Shows
Blackfoot, ID
Thursday: Michael Lanctot
Friday: Betty-Anne Stenmark
Saturday: Houston Clark
Sunday: Lawrence Sinclair

June 22-23, 2013

Clackamas Kennel Club
Canby, OR
Saturday: Laurence J. Libeau
Sunday: George E. Marquis

June 28-30, 2013

Mt. Bachelor Kennel Club
Redmond, OR
Friday: Terry Stacy
Saturday: Walter J. Sommerfelt
Sunday: Barbara J. Young

June 29-30, 2013

Bell Vernon Kennel Association
Mt. Vernon, WA
Saturday: Bud DiDonato
Sunday: Honey Ann Glendinning

AKC Agility

April 26-28, 2013

Auburn, WA

May 3-5, 2013

Auburn, WA

May 10-12, 2013

Nine Mile Falls, WA
Chehalis, WA

May 17-19, 2013

Klamath Falls, OR
Auburn, WA

May 24-27, 2013

Eugene, OR
Graham, WA

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Gastrointestinal Irritation

Dogs with allergies – especially food allergies - often have gastrointestinal disturbances in addition to skin and ear irritation. The gastrointestinal tract includes the stomach and the small and large intestines. Common signs associated with allergies to ingredients in food include:

- Burping
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Flatulence
- Loss of appetite
- Weight loss
- Lethargy
- Weakness
- Depression
- Loss of interest in normal activities
- Hives
- Enlarged lymph nodes

Food allergies can continue undiagnosed for years. Many owners mistakenly believe that their dogs' symptoms are just caused by a sensitive stomach.

Future Meetings

April Meeting

The April meeting will be held on Saturday, April 27th. The meeting will be held at My Dogs Gym in Salem, OR at 1337 Madison St NE, (971) 239-5518. There will be a pot luck dessert.

The program will be a CGC Test. Lisa Leoffler will be the evaluator. There is no charge for the test. All dogs who pass will receive a snood and photo.

However, if you want to receive a certificate from the AKC they can send the evaluation sheet to the AKC with a check in the amount of \$8.00. If you would like to have the CGC titled added to the dogs permanent record the charge will be \$20.00.

Directions

From I-5 take exit 256 for OR-213/ Market St toward Lancaster Mall. Keep right at the fork, follow signs for City Center. Turn right onto Market St NE. Turn right onto 17th St NE. Turn left onto Madison St NE. Destination will be on the right

Show Results

Linn County KC 2/22/13

BOB GCH CH Hil-N-Don & Canyonwood Seemore Of Me
BOS GCH CH Majic Azumawilbec Holiday Connection
SD GCH CH Segre's Brown Derby BN RA OA OAJ
BOW Galfox Ridgewyn Roustabout
WD Galfox Ridgewyn Roustabout
RWD G&J's Cherokee Spring
WB Kismet Galfox Ridgewyn Precious Cargo
RWB G&J's Sequoia Spring

Linn County KC 2/23/13

BOB GCH CH Hil-N-Don & Canyonwood Seemore Of Me
BOS GCH CH Majic Azumawilbec Holiday Connection
SD CH Springwest Dream Catcher's Spittin' Image
BOW Galfox Ridgewyn Roustabout
WD Galfox Ridgewyn Roustabout
RWD G&J's Cherokee Spring
WB Kismet Galfox Ridgewyn Precious Cargo
RWB G&J's Sequoia Spring

McKenzie Cascade DF 2/24/12

BOB GCH CH Hil-N-Don & Canyonwood Seemore Of Me
BOS GCH CH Majic Azumawilbec Holiday Connection
SD GCH CH Segre's Brown Derby BN RA OA OAJ
BOW Tradewinds' N Topsail's Bootstrap Bill
WD Tradewinds' N Topsail's Bootstrap Bill
WB G&J's Sequoia Spring
RWB Kismet Galfox Ridgewyn Precious Cargo

McKenzie Cascade DF 2/25/12

BOB GCH CH Segre's Brown Derby BN RA OA OAJ
BOS Kismet Galfox Ridgewyn Precious Cargo
SD CH Springwest Dream Catcher's Spittin' Image
BOW Galfox Ridgewyn Roustabout
WD Galfox Ridgewyn Roustabout
WB Kismet Galfox Ridgewyn Precious Cargo
RWB Laurelwyn Enigma

Seattle KC, 3/9/13

GP2/BOB CH Fairhaven Wildrose Out Of This World
BOS Pawmarc 'N Darkover Just A Dream
SD CH Ridgewyn Galfox Life Is Good @ Kismet
BOW Journey's Let The Games Begin
WD Journey's Let The Games Begin
RWD Pawmarc's Moonlight Kaboom
WB Pawmarc 'N Darkover Just A Dream
RWB Mar-Ric Jean Louise Finch

Seattle KC, 3/10/13

GP2/BOB CH Fairhaven Wildrose Out Of This World
BOS Alynn's Sunrise Serenade
BOW Pawmarc's Moonlight Kaboom
WD Pawmarc's Moonlight Kaboom
RWD Kstar Windhaven Jolly Mon Sings RN
WB Alynn's Sunrise Serenade
RWB Mar-Ric Jean Louise Finch

Peninsula DFC, 3/23/13

GP3/BOB GCH CH Hil-N-Don & Canyonwood Seemore Of Me
BOS GCH CH Majic Azumawilbec Holiday Connection
SD CH Fairhaven Wildrose Out Of This World
BOW Majic Wilbec Heart Of A Scoundrel
WD Majic Wilbec Heart Of A Scoundrel
RWD Ramblewood Taking Care Of Business
WB Ramblewood Hot Stuff
RWB Topsail's Summer Breeze Mandy

Peninsula DF, 3/24/12

GP3/BOB GCH CH Hil-N-Don & Canyonwood Seemore Of Me
BOS GCH CH Majic Azumawilbec Holiday Connection
SD GCH CH Ramblewood Reason To Believe
BOW Majic Wilbec Heart Of A Scoundrel
WD Majic Wilbec Heart Of A Scoundrel
RWD Ramblewood Taking Care Of Business
WB Ramblewood Hallelujah
RWB Topsail's Summer Breeze Mandy

Chintimini KC, 3/30/13

BOB GCH CH Hil-N-Don & Canyonwood Seemore Of Me
BOS CH Topsail Catch A Tradewind To Emerald
SD GCH CH Oxbow's Gold Medal
SB GCH CH Majic Azumawilbec Holiday Connection
BOW Topsail N Tradewinds Cowboy Casanova
WD Topsail N Tradewinds Cowboy Casanova
RWD Ramblewood Thunder Rolls
WB Topsail N Tradewind Peepshow
RWB Alynn's Sunrise Serenade

Chintimini KC, 3/31/13

BOB GCH CH Oxbow's Gold Medal
BOS GCH CH Majic Azumawilbec Holiday Connection
SD CH Topsail Jack Black & Wright To Emerald
SB CH Topsail Catch A Tradewind To Emerald
BOW Ramblewood Hot Stuff
WD Topsail N Tradewinds Cowboy Casanova
RWD Ramblewood Magic Carpet Ride
WB Ramblewood Hot Stuff
RWB Alynn's Sunrise Serenade



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