

Bay City Veterinary Clinic

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SARCOPTIC MANGE (Scabies)

Sarcoptic mange is a skin disease caused by a parasitic mite. It is highly contagious and produces intense itching, reddening of the skin, thinning of the hair and development of crusts and scabs. Bacterial skin infections commonly occur in the inflamed irritated skin and your pet may need to have antibiotics prescribed. Sarcoptic mites prefer skin with little hair, so they are most numerous on the ears, elbows, abdomen and hocks. As the disease spreads, hair is lost and eventually the mites occupy large areas of skin. Sarcoptic mites can be transmitted to people in close contact with infested animals. (Dogs and Cats) Any person who develops skin problems should consult with their physician.

* Other pets should not be allowed to contact your pet or it's bedding until recovery is complete.

* Mites can survive without a host, therefore precautions should be taken to thoroughly clean their environment and to spray their area, bedding, kennel or crate, collar and grooming tools with an insecticidal spray.

*Follow treatment schedule exactly.