

- Unlike many other skin parasites, there is no need to treat the other pets in your household.

Treatment for any other skin problems such as wounds or infections

- If your dog's skin is itchy or very greasy, your vet may advise a soothing and de-greasing shampoo.
- [Antibiotics](#) might be necessary if your dog has a skin infection.

Outlook and ongoing care

Curing a demodex problem can take weeks to months, but fortunately, most dogs respond well to treatment. Some dogs (especially those with an underlying illness) are slow to recover or suffer with recurring problems. If this is the case for your dog, your vet may want to investigate for any underlying problems that might be slowing their recovery.

Once your dog has recovered, check them regularly for returning symptoms.

Cost

Treatment for demodex can become expensive, especially in cases that take months to resolve. Consider [insuring your dog](#) as soon as you get them, before any signs of illness start. This will ensure you have all the support you need to care for them.

It's also very important to speak openly to your vet about your finances, the cost of treatment, as well as what you think is right for your dog. There are often several treatment options so if one doesn't work for you and your pet then the vet may be able to offer another.

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