





- You will need to treat pet bedding, brushes, coats and the household (eggs will continue to hatch in the environment for 2-3 weeks after they have been laid).
- Treatment for any other skin problems
  - Such as wounds or infected skin
- Treatment for anaemia
  - In the rare case of a severe louse infestation, your dog may become unwell or anaemic and need admitting into the veterinary hospital for intensive care.

It's important to follow your vets instructions carefully, and keep a close eye out for any returning symptoms for a few weeks after treatment. Always make sure you finish the full course of treatment to make sure the lice don't return.

## Outlook

Given the right treatment, most dogs recover very well from a louse infestation. However, if your dog has a very large infestation, or is left without treatment for too long, there is a chance that they could develop anaemia (blood loss) especially if they are already weak, which can cause severe illness and even death.

## Prevention

The best way to prevent lice is to keep your dog up to date with their flea treatments (most are effective against lice), and in clean, warm living conditions.

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