

Antibiotics/anti-yeast

- Antibiotics tablets/cream may be necessary if your dog's infection is bacterial.
- Antibiotics won't be necessary if your dog's skin infection is caused by yeasts, instead your vet may prescribe an antifungal shampoo/cream.

Outlook

Skin fold dermatitis usually improves very quickly with the correct treatment and care.

In rare cases, surgery is needed to remove the folds of skin and stop infection coming back. Speak to your vet if your dog is suffering from skin fold dermatitis regularly.

Prevention

To prevent skin fold infections, clean and dry your dog's skin folds regularly. Use cotton wool pads soaked in salt water (see instructions above) and dry the skin thoroughly afterwards. Don't use anything else to clean your dog's skin unless it's something your vet has advised.

Breeds prone

Skin folds are much more common in certain breeds due to excess skin and body shape, if you are thinking of getting a pedigree dog make sure you research the breed thoroughly and get the healthiest dog possible. Breeds prone to skin fold dermatitis include:

- [Shar Pei](#)
- [British bulldog](#)
- [French bulldog](#)
- [Pug](#)
- [Basset hound](#)
- [Pekingese](#)
- [Boxer](#)
- [Cocker spaniel](#)

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