

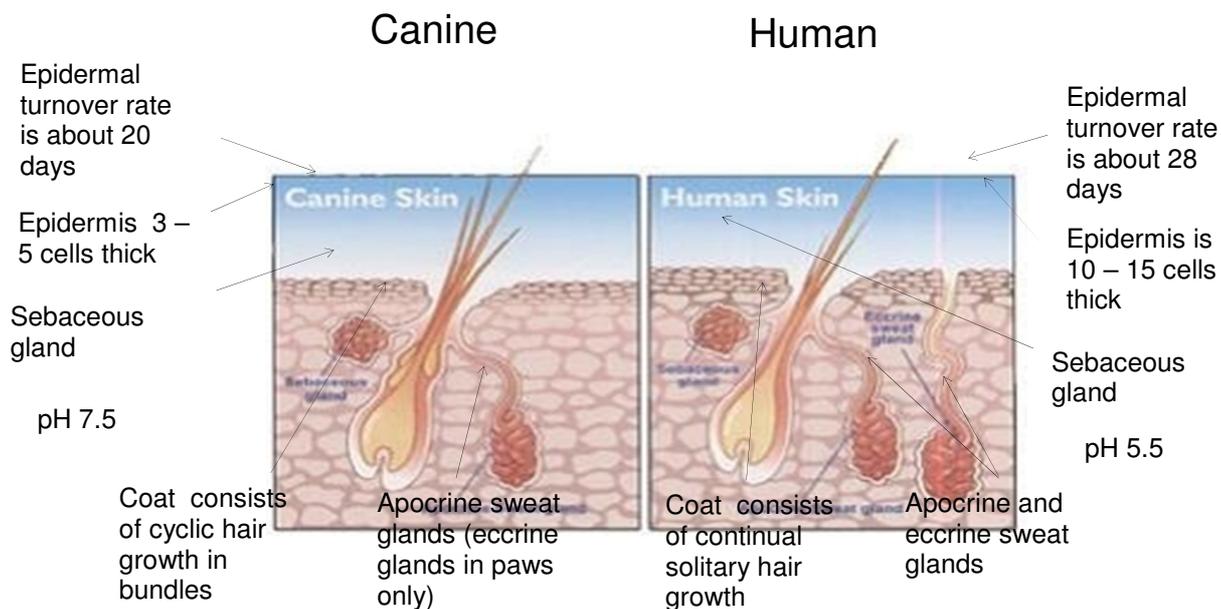
## Washing your Pet – Itchy/Smelly Dogs

*How often you need to wash your pet depends on many factors, such as its breed, skin type, coat type, season, lifestyle and whether there are underlying skin disorders.*

*For example, a Golden Retriever with a double coat that goes swimming a lot, but with otherwise normal skin, has different coat care requirements to the Golden Retriever, with a history of recurring “Hot Spots” and allergic skin disease.*

*This handout is for those dogs that are Itchy and/or Smelly with a confirmed yeast and/or bacterial infection of the skin*

### The difference between canine and human skin...



The epidermis (the skin layer) is the largest organ in the body and is the body's environmental shield that works as a barrier against injury, disease, and damage from ultraviolet light and is constantly being replaced. As you can see there are a number of differences between dog skin and human skin. This means that we can't always use human shampoo products on dogs.

### So how often do I wash my dog and what with... ?

We recommend that a dog with normal skin be washed when they are dirty. There is no definitive answer about how often as this depends on how frequently they get dirty. A common sense guideline may be once a month to coincide with the application of a monthly topical flea control product. In a pet with skin and coat issues, the selection of shampoos can be very difficult even for the experts.

In some cases a medicated shampoo may be recommended. Please note that not all medicated shampoos are

the same, each one is designed to treat a certain or specific skin condition, the vet will instruct you on how best to use these.

Whilst these medicated shampoos are not “by prescription only”, they should be prescribed or recommended by a vet who is experienced with skin cases, as they treat specific skin conditions.

For example, a dog with a bacterial skin infection secondary to allergic skin disease, would get a different shampoo to a dog with a fungal infection secondary to an allergy, and different again, to a dog with no infection, but just allergic skin disease. It is not easy, and that is why expert advice is needed.

Also, a pet’s shampoo needs may change over the course of the year depending on the seasons as well.

As animal lovers, we want to help you, so here are our guidelines for itchy and/or smelly dogs.



Itchy only – no sores evident, and no smell - Recommendation:

1. Troy Oatveen Shampoo and Conditioner

Itchy with red sores and no smell – Recommendation:

1. PAW Medicated Shampoo followed by PAW Nutriderm conditioner

2. Dermcare Pyohex Medicated Shampoo followed by Dermcare Pyohex Conditioner (leave in)



Itchy with scaly sections and hairloss – some red sores, some or lots of smell

1. PAW Medicated Shampoo followed by PAW Nutriderm Conditioner
2. Dermcare Malaseb Medicated Shampoo followed by Dermcare Pyohex Conditioner (leave in)

**Directions: Dermcare Malaseb /Pyohex Medicated Shampoo** -dilute shampoo in 2 litres warm water, wet dog/cat and apply with sponge over entire animal. Leave on for 10 mins then rinse off thoroughly and dry dog/cat.

50ml would be enough to treat a 30kg medium coated dog

7 – 10ml would be enough to treat an average (4kg) adult cat

**PAW Medicated Shampoo** – directions as for Dermcare shampoo but leave in time is 5 minutes.

**Handy Hint:** Towel dry your pet between shampoo and conditioner. Apply the conditioner to a damp coat after applying it to your hands first and then rubbing it through the coat.



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*Disclaimer: This information is general in nature, and is current as at August 2012.*