



GROOMING



Grass Seeds: ouch!

Dog limping? Lump between the toes, in the armpits or elsewhere? Shaking the head? Grass seeds could be the cause of these symptoms and may need veterinary attention.

Grass seeds are shaped in such a way as they can easily penetrate through your dog's skin and lodge in ears and eyes, and in fact anywhere! They start their journey by becoming caught in the fur during walk or play in long dry grass and if undetected can cause painful abscesses and travel to other parts of the body.

The first sign of seed penetration is swelling at the entry point that can be very irritating causing your dog to lick, scratch or chew at the site. If seeds have entered the ear, your dog will furiously shake or scratch the ear.



It is therefore important to be vigilant when grasses have dried off in the summer months. It is better to walk your dog in short grassed areas and keep long haired breeds well groomed especially around their feet. Inspect your dog after walks and play, paying particular attention to between the toes, in the arm pits, groin region and ears.

Please be sure to contact your veterinarian if you think your pet may have a grass seed lodged somewhere nasty. Please contact Animal Aid's Vet Clinic on 9735 0500 for further advice.

