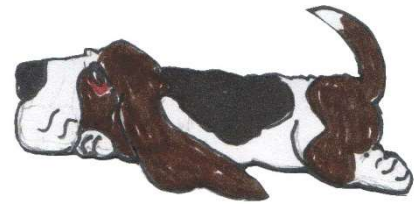


SKIN COMPLAINTS IN BASSETS

SKIN COMPLAINTS can flare up in any breed, particularly in summer time. Being lower to the ground, Bassets are probably more susceptible to various irritants found in grasses or even to insect stings or bites. Some complaints are due to flea allergies, or fox mange (*sarcoptes scabiei*), which may be transmitted to dogs. Nowadays this is not only restricted to rural areas but can also surface in suburbia.



HOT SPOTS - like a moist dermatitis, can also be a problem. These can be treated by taking the hair away around the area to allow the skin to breathe and dry out and then by washing with antibacterial soap and applying an antibiotic cream or antiseptic solution.



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MALASSEZIA PACHYDERMATITIS For many years now Basset owners have been aware of this skin complaint. It is the yeast scourge of those breeds that have folds of skin which can harbour bacteria. Warm or moist areas such as ear canals or between toes can also give rise to this extremely itchy form of dermatitis. One of the best treatments is Malaseb, an antibacterial and antifungal shampoo.

What to do if your Basset has a skin problem: In general, any skin problem, particularly if involving itching, scratching and hair loss, should be seen by your vet.

