

Communicable Dog Diseases



Sarcoptic Mange



❧ Symptoms

- ❧ Intense itching of skin
- ❧ Hair loss
- ❧ Reddened skin
- ❧ Body Sores
- ❧ Scabs
- ❧ Contagious to other dogs and to humans



Demodex Mange



❧ Symptoms

- ❧ Hair loss
- ❧ Bald spots
- ❧ Scabbing
- ❧ Sores
- ❧ Secondary bacterial infections



Kennel Cough



❧ Symptoms

- ❧ Persistent dry cough
- ❧ Coughs that make a “honking” sound
- ❧ Gagging
- ❧ Coughing up white, foamy phlegm
- ❧ May have fever or nasal discharge

❧ Contagious to other dogs

- ❧ <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZusGtj3NxcU>

Distemper

❧ Symptoms



- ❧ High fever
- ❧ Reddened eyes
- ❧ Watery discharge from nose and eyes
- ❧ Lethargy
- ❧ Loss of appetite
- ❧ Persistent coughing
- ❧ Vomiting
- ❧ Abnormal enlargement or thickening of pads of dog's feet
- ❧ Hardnose
- ❧ Diarrhea
- ❧ Seizures, Paralysis, attacks of hysteria in later stages of distemper

- ❧ Contagious to other dogs



Parvovirus

❧ Symptoms

- ❧ Sever bloody diarrhea
- ❧ Lethargy
- ❧ Loss of appetite
- ❧ Fever
- ❧ Vomiting
- ❧ Sever weight loss
- ❧ Dehydration
- ❧ Weakness
- ❧ Rapid heartbeat
- ❧ Redness around mouth and eyes
- ❧ Pain and discomfort when touching abdominal area
- ❧ Hypothermia

❧ Contagious to other dogs



Ringworm



❧ Symptoms

- ❧ Lesions that typically appear on head ears, paws and forelimbs
- ❧ Patchy, crusted circular “bald spots”
- ❧ Contagious to other dogs and to humans



Infections



❧ Symptoms

- ❧ Inflammation
 - ❧ Redness
 - ❧ Discharge from area
 - ❧ Eyelids stuck together
 - ❧ Budging eyelids
 - ❧ Collapsed eyeball
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- ❧ Contagious to other dogs and humans



Standard Transport Protocol



- ❧ Rabies vaccine administered to dogs 16 weeks or older
- ❧ Visual exam to rule out wounds, kennel cough, runny nose, diarrhea, dermatitis or lethargy
- ❧ Valid signed health certificate for each dog
- ❧ Bordatella vaccine given
- ❧ Dogs under 1 year need minimum of 2 DA2PPVC vaccines, given three weeks apart
- ❧ Parvovirus test must be administered for puppies under 6 months of age

Better Safe Than Sorry!



- ❧ If a single dog with any of these communicable diseases board a transport, all dogs are exposed to infection.
- ❧ Crates must be properly sanitized after each use using 1 part bleach and 2 parts water.
- ❧ After exposure to a sick dog, handlers must wash their hands well with soap.
- ❧ Clothing and bedding should be washed with bleach thoroughly.