



Ringworm

Your vet has probably shone a special UV-light also referred to as 'Woods-Lamp' on the affected area of skin of your pet's fur and it glowed/ fluoresced an apple green confirming this diagnosis.

Ringworm is a fungus that lives within the follicle of hair, it usually affects young or old dogs and/or cats or immune-suppressed individuals. It can be very difficult to completely eradicate, which is why we the vets at FVC take an aggressive holistic approach to its treatment.

It is important to attack ringworm from all angles from the beginning, because your first chance is the best. For this we need to work together as a team.

It is also important to mention, that when your pet is undergoing treatment, the hair and skin can look worse. This is because the fungus resides within the hair follicle and as it dies so does the hair, which causes it to fall out.

We prescribe the following treatment protocol:

- 1.) Oral medication (tablets) for 40 days.
It is important to dose them with a fatty meal to optimize absorption
- 2.) Once weekly baths for 4 weeks.
We bath your pet with an anti-bacterial shampoo followed by an antifungal dip.

After this 30 day treatment, we will re-evaluate the skin and fur of your pet with the Woods Lamp, to see if the illuminated area has fully disappeared. If this is not the case, another 4-week treatment plan will be *repeated*, until your beloved pet is completely ringworm free.

Thereafter we will discuss certain ways to maintain the integrity of their skin with you.

Lastly we need to address that ringworm is a zoonosis.

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This means, that you could get lesions on your skin. These look like little red and dry circles on the skin and can be itchy. Please always wash your hands after contact with your pet and see your doctor if any such lesions occur.

Overall ringworm is a fairly uncommon occurrence in humans and is more commonly found in either young/old or immune suppressed cats and dogs.

Above all if you are worried or uncertain please do not hesitate to call or come in. We will be more than happy to help.

Regards FVC team

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