



EAR PROBLEMS

- Signs of ear problems:**
- 1) Odor from the ears
 - 2) Red, itchy, or painful ears
 - 3) Shaking head or flapping ears
 - 4) Head tilt
 - 5) Aural hematoma

Common causes of ear problems:

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| 1) Skin allergies: flea allergy, food allergy, pollen allergy | 5) Hypothyroidism |
| 2) Bacterial infections and/or yeast infections | 6) Ear mites |
| 3) Wax accumulation | 7) Swimming |
| 4) Foxtails in ears | 8) Poor ventilation |

- Common treatments:**
- 1) Use the prescribed medicated drops/ointment _____ as directed on the prescription label.
 - 2) Clean ear(s) _____ time(s) each week/month. Either:
 - Fill the ear and canal with solution and massage the ear canal for 1 minute. Clean up the ear with cotton balls and flush again until the solution returns clear.
 - Moisten a cotton ball with the prescribed cleanser and swab out the external ear.

- Common preventions:**
- Keep ears shaved out on the inside flap and hair pulled from ear canals.
 - Apply "swimmer's ear solution" after swimming.
 - Instil a drying solution as prescribed by the doctor.
 - Do this _____ time(s) each week/month.
 - Your pet has a ruptured eardrum. No swimming! For bathing! Place a cotton ball into the ear to prevent water from running in. When the bath is over, do not forget to remove the cotton ball!
 - Your pet has a problem with chronic wax accumulation. Look into and smell the ears weekly to be sure they are staying clean.

Recheck Appointment: Recheck ear exam at *Windsor Animal Hospital* in ___ weeks/months.

Recheck ear flush at *Windsor Animal Hospital* in ___ weeks/months.

