



# Itchy Dog Diagnostic Approach: What's Causing the Itch?

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## STOP THE ITCH to Provide Relief

- Anti-Pruritic Therapy \_\_\_\_\_ 

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## Rule Out PARASITES (fleas, scabies, other)

- Flea comb, skin scrapes: \_\_\_\_\_
- Flea Control Trial \_\_\_\_\_
- Medical Progress Exam** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Treat SKIN INFECTION

### BACTERIAL INFECTION

- Typical lesions \_\_\_\_\_  Skin Cytology \_\_\_\_\_  Skin culture \_\_\_\_\_
- Topical Therapy: Shampoo \_\_\_\_\_ Frequency \_\_\_\_\_  
Spray/Wipe/Mousse \_\_\_\_\_ Frequency \_\_\_\_\_
- Systemic Antibiotic Therapy \_\_\_\_\_

### YEAST DERMATITIS

- Skin Cytology \_\_\_\_\_
- Topical Antifungal Therapy \_\_\_\_\_
- Systemic Antifungal Therapy \_\_\_\_\_
- Medical Progress Exam** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Conduct a DIETARY TRIAL (if food allergy is suspected)

- Diet Trial – 8 Weeks  
Diet \_\_\_\_\_  
Treats \_\_\_\_\_  
Refer to separate step-by-step food trial handout \_\_\_\_\_
- Medical Progress Exam** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Confirm ATOPIC DERMATITIS

- Anti-Pruritic Anchor Treatment \_\_\_\_\_
- Oral Ectoparasite Therapy (year-round) \_\_\_\_\_
- Bathing/Topical Therapy \_\_\_\_\_
- Diet \_\_\_\_\_

Continue Foundational Itch Relief At Every Step Along The Way



TOGETHER, WE'RE CHANGING THE APPROACH TO THE PRURITIC DOG...  
and protecting the bonds that matter most

Client: \_\_\_\_\_

Patient: \_\_\_\_\_

DVM: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# How Itchy Is Your Dog?

Our goal is to ensure that you and your dog get back to enjoying life as soon as possible—without all that itching. Tracking your pet’s itch level during our diagnostic workup can help us to find the cause of your pet’s itch. These itch scores can help us provide appropriate itch relief throughout the diagnostic process, choose the most effective therapy if long-term treatment is needed, and track any itch flares that may occur over time.

Please review the itch descriptions below:

## How to rate your dog’s itch

**EXTREMELY SEVERE ITCHING** 100 Dog is scratching, chewing, licking almost continuously. Itching practically never stops, regardless of what else is happening around the dog.

**MILD ITCHING** 40 Occasional episodes of itching. There may be occasional episodes of itching at night. No itching when sleeping, eating, playing, exercising or being distracted.

**SEVERE ITCHING** 80 Prolonged episodes of itching when the dog is awake. Itching occurs at night also when eating, playing or exercising or when otherwise distracted.

**VERY MILD ITCHING** 20 Episodes of itching are rare. The dog is slightly more itchy than before the problem began.

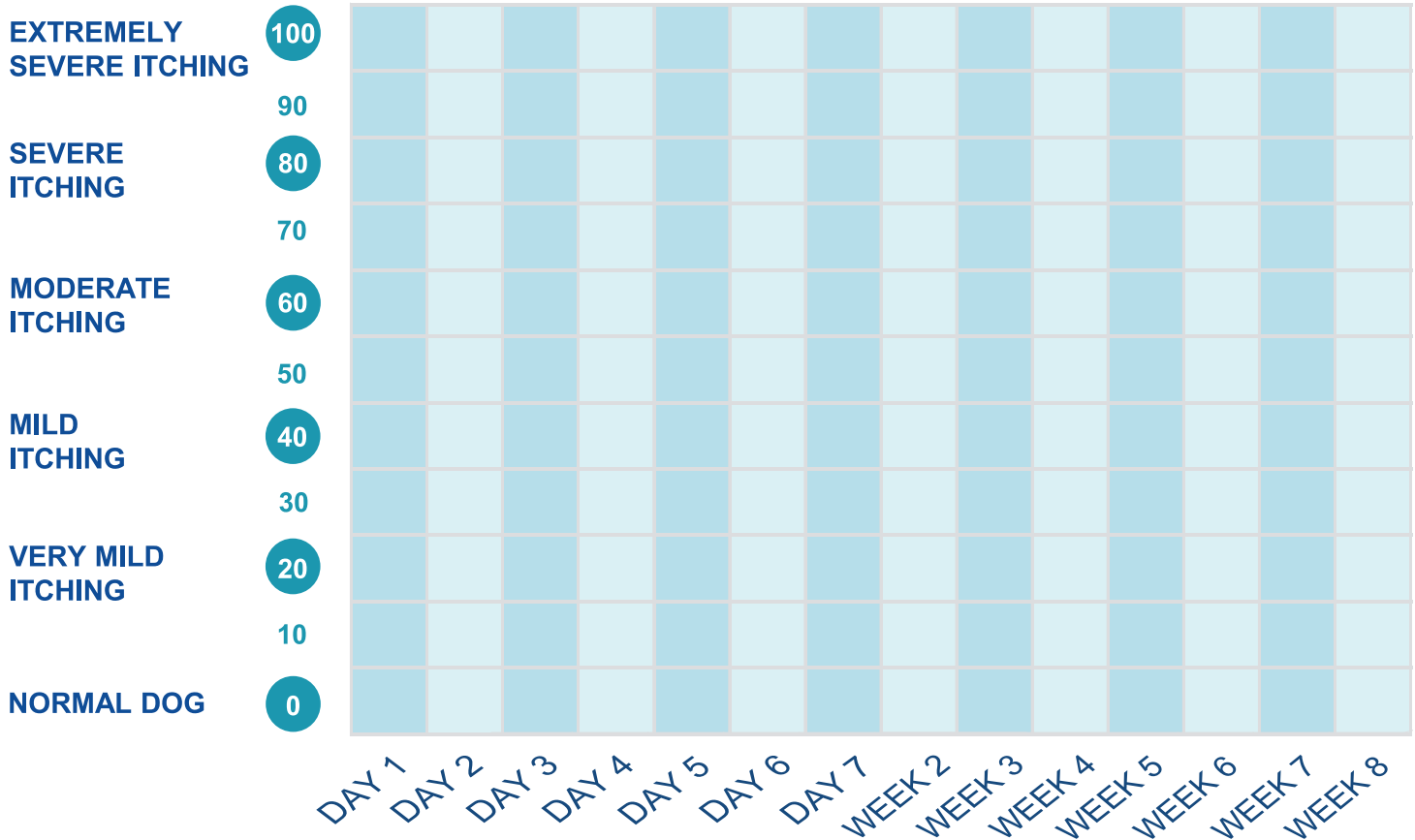
**MODERATE ITCHING** 60 Regular episodes of itching when the dog is awake. Itching may occur at night and wake the dog. No itching when eating, playing, exercising or being distracted.

**NORMAL DOG** 0 Itching is not a problem.



## Itch Tracker

Place a dot in the appropriate column below, aligned with the description that best describes your dog’s itching. Then bring this sheet to your pet’s next appointment.



**We look forward to seeing you at your next appointment, or sooner if you are concerned.**

This tracker is not a medical diagnostic tool and is not intended to replace discussions with an animal healthcare professional.

