



Pets & VETS

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A COMMON PROBLEM

Ear infections are a common problem for dogs, and they can crop up quickly and painfully. This affliction can occur for many reasons, especially in breeds with floppy ears. Part of the problem is due to the shape of the dogs' ear canals, which tend to be vertical with an "L" bend. Other reasons include ear mites, allergies, yeast, and internal hair growth. If your pooch is scratching its ears, shaking its head, losing its balance, or whining, it may be signaling an ear problem. Check also for a discharge or odor combined with redness or swelling around the tender ear. Immediate attention by the veterinarian will usually include cleaning the ear and administering medication.

There is no reason why your pet should suffer with ear problems when treatment is so close at hand at Cody Pet Hospital.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT EAR INFECTIONS, OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR PET'S HEALTH, PLEASE CALL US AT (508) 384-5904. WE PROVIDE KNOWLEDGEABLE, COMPASSIONATE HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR EACH AND EVERY PET THAT COMES TO US. FOR QUALITY MEDICAL CARE IN A COMFORTABLE ATMOSPHERE DESIGNED TO PUT BOTH ANIMALS AND OWNERS AT EASE, WE INVITE YOU TO OUR COMPLETE VETERINARY FACILITIES AT 5 SHARON AVE, NORFOLK.

P.S. Prevention is important with ear infections. Ask your vet what you can do to help prevent recurring ear infections.