

Why is my dog or cat itchy?



Signs of itch



Hair loss,
Grooming



Licking/Saliva
stained feet



Scratching



Redness/blood/
crusting

Parasites

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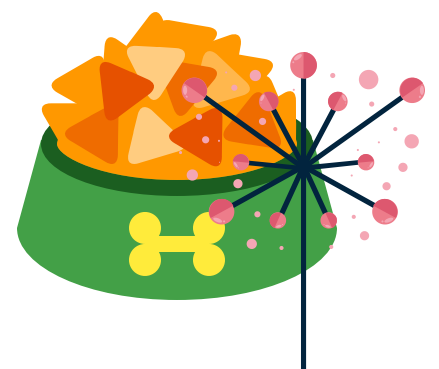
- **Fleas:** small parasitic insects that live indoor/outdoors that feed on the blood of our pets.
- **Mites:** small parasites that either burrow into the skin or live on the surface of our pets.
- **Lice:** parasitic insects that lay eggs (nits) on the hair of our pets.



Allergies

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- **Food allergies:** examples can include proteins such as chicken, beef, fish, lamb. Other gastrointestinal signs can be present (e.g., diarrhea, gas etc.)
- **Environmental allergies:** examples include house dust mite, pollen, etc.



Infection

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- **Bacteria, yeast, or fungal infections** (e.g. ringworm) can irritate the skin and cause itchiness in our pets.



Next steps?

Visit a veterinarian:

- Physical exam, skin testing, diet trials, parasite control