



Animal Ark Veterinary Hospital September 2015 Newsletter



Your Pets Skin: there's a lot to cover!
Let's make sure your pet is healthy all over.

September is when kids go back to school, and finally, you have a chance to relax. Who wants to join you? Your pet! While you're snuggling with your furry friend, you may feel a bump or rash on their skin. What should you do?

You pet may have bumps. Lumps. Missing fur. A black spot. A funny-looking toenail. Are these things nothing, or something of concern?

For most owners, it's tough to know what skin issues are ok and what needs further evaluation. Missing fur may be from a lost battle with a housemate. A black spot may be a tick. A rash may indicate a food allergy. A little bump may even be cancer! Skin is the largest organ of the body and there's a lot to cover! That's why a yearly checkup is vital to your pet's health. When you bring your pet in for their wellness exam, we'll assess every part of them, from nose to tail. We'll perform a thorough skin check and a few other easy tests if needed to keep your pet happy, healthy and a part of your family for a long, long time.



Why Is My Dog So Itchy?

Just as allergies are increasing among humans, veterinarians are also seeing significant increases in allergies in dogs. [Interestingly...](#)



Food Allergies in Dogs

Dogs, like people, can have allergies to certain foods. In fact, food allergies are one of the most common allergic reactions known to affect our canine buddies. When [your.....](#)



What is Bothering Your Cat? It Could Be Feline Allergies

Just like people, our feline friends can develop allergies. This happens when their immune systems become [sensitive...](#)