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Treatment Plan for Demodectic Mange

Demodex is a normal mite of the skin of dogs. However, these parasites can multiply excessively in hair follicles and glands. Immune deficiencies are associated with increased numbers/populations of demodex mites.

In young puppies, demodex can usually be cured with treatment, and is often associated to their immature immune system. In adult dogs, especially those over 2 years old, demodex is often associated with underlying issues. In these dogs, cure may not be possible, and searching for the underlying issue is always indicated.

Demodectic mange is diagnosed by finding the mites on skin scrape testing. It is considered cured when there have been two negative skin scrapes over a month period.

Treatment for demodectic mange is an oral chewable tablet called Bravecto, taken every 3 months.

Bravecto also prevents fleas and paralysis tick on your dog, so you will not need to use your other regular products during this period.

Some dogs also need oral or injected Ivomectin (as per protocol/labelled instructions) and medicated shampoo and antibiotics for secondary infections.

If you notice any nausea, confusion, vision changes, or drooling stop administering the oral medication and contact the clinic ASAP.