

# *Dermatology:*

# { 20 questions *to ask* clients

The more you know about your patients, the better. Ask clients these questions while taking a dermatology history.

1. How did you first realize the ears were a problem?
2. Did you see head shaking or scratching at the ears?
3. Have you noticed an odor coming from the ears?
4. Does another pet lick the pet's ears?
5. Have you noticed any discharge from the ears?
6. Do you clean your pet's ears?
7. If yes, do you clean them on a regular basis, or only when signs occur?
8. What signs do you notice?
9. Why do you clean the pet's ears?
10. Have you ever been told to clean the pet's ears regularly?
11. Do you clean the pet's ears during grooming?
12. Do you use any ear medications? If yes, which types?
13. Is your pet itchy anywhere else?
14. Does your pet lick or groom its paws?
15. Where does the pet or lick? Please describe all sites, even if no skin lesions are present.  
  
Some less frequently asked questions that will be helpful as the doctor makes a diagnosis include queries about the pet's gastrointestinal health:
16. How many bowel movements a day does your pet have?
17. Is your pet gassy?
18. Do you hear stomach sounds or gurgling?
19. Do you ever see blood or mucus in your pet's stools?
20. Does your pet burp?