

**Floyd** is a 7-month-old boxer dog who has had skin problems for a couple of months now. Floyd presented with patchy bald areas, scabby red rashes and irritated paws. He had a number of treatments that hadn't totally cleared the problem and many skin problems were eliminated so the next stage was to have him in one day to take some skin scrapes. To take a skin scrape we need to lightly sedate the patient and we take samples from different areas over the body to examine under the microscope. We are looking for mites!! They are usually quite difficult to find but looking at Floyd's samples we saw a number of Demodex mites on each slide. To treat this he has to have a number of medicated baths (the treatment stinks!) that have to stay on for a period of time before being washed off. His owner has been giving him these regularly at home. Once the course is finished we will take another scrape to insure all the mites are definitely gone. Floyd is such a lovely dog he comes bounding into the surgery, he wants to see everyone and when he is on the table being examined he rolls over to play and have his tummy tickled!



Floyd has scabby patches like these in areas all over his body.

His face was really sore and he had baldy patches over his muzzle. (Picture was taken whilst he was sedated)



His feet had been so irritated that he had been chewing them and made them really sore.

This picture was taken through the microscope of the samples taken from Floyd. The long, thin, stick like structure is a Demodex Mite.

