

Roxy is a 5 month old Staffordshire bull terrier puppy that has recently been having treatment, she has been so well behaved and such a character whilst she has been with us that we have voted her to be Pet of the month.

Roxy presented with loss of hair in patches over her body, and she had been very itchy. The vet took a deep skin scrape to look at under the microscope to see if there were any mites causing this. When the slides were examined we found lots of mites call Demodex. These Demodex mites burry in to the hair follicles and live just under the skin. We had to order in a strong shampoo to start treating her. When Roxy comes into the surgery she is extremely hyper, she comes bounding in to the surgery to see everyone and everything! We thought bathing her would soak us all and be chaos but she has been brilliant. She stands in the bath so patiently for the 30minutes it takes letting us to ensure we get the solution all over her including her head, without getting it in her eyes. We cannot dry her with a towel and it's been too cold for her to go outside to dry off so she runs around the practice playing with toys and keeping us all entertained- all in hope that she will get a treat! Her baths have been repeated three times and she has always been so well behaved. Over these weeks of treatment she lost lots of her hair, this was caused by the mites in her hair follicles. It was a good sign that the shampoo was working though and the mites were dying. Now that we have been treating her skin her hair is beginning to grow back in nicely. Hopefully we have now managed to treat all of the mites, to make sure we have Roxy needs to have one more skin scrape to be examined under the microscope.



Example of a Demodex Mite.



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