

Vets on Riverbank



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Ears

Ears are funny things. Every dog has two of them hanging off the sides of their head, but how many people actually look into their dog's ears regularly? Not many would be my guess.

Otitis externa is an inflammation of the external ear canal, and can be caused by bacteria, yeast, mites, accumulation of wax and debris and allergies. Signs your dog or cat may be developing otitis externa include an unpleasant odour, scratching at ears, head shaking or a head tilt, redness and swelling of the ear flap and a black or yellow discharge. This is a painful and extremely irritating condition for your pet. Breeds with pendulous or very hairy ear canals are more likely to develop otitis externa.

Regular monitoring and cleaning of your dog's ears can help identify problems early, which make treatment a lot easier. The best time to start this is before your dog develops any signs of ear disease. How about checking your dog's ears today?