**Grass Seeds**

As the weather warms up and we are all starting to spending more time outdoors. This includes our canine friend and as we approach summer, the grasses will be growing and producing grass seeds.

These nasty little spears can become lodged in dogs’ coats and then progressively work their way inwards. They tend to cause problems in dogs’ feet, ears and eyes where they get stuck and then burrow their way deeper into the tissues.

**Feet**

Grass seeds get caught between the toes, pierce the skin and then can travel under the skin.  This causes significant damage and irritation to tissues.

**Ears**

Grass seeds can get caught down ear canals and cause irritation, pain and infection.

**Eyes**

Seeds can get caught in the eye and under the eyelids.  These seeds can then scratch the cornea causing ulcers and conjunctivitis.

Dogs with long coats are more susceptible as the seeds get caught in their coat more easily. When you return from a walk with your dog it is useful to inspect between the toes, underneath the armpits and in the ears.

The sooner damage is noticed the quicker the recovery from treatment, so if your dog is licking at its feet excessively, or you notice a wound between the toes, shaking their head, or rubbing at their eyes; please contact the clinic.