

Peggy Adams Rescue League – Ringworm Protocol

What it is: Ringworm is **a fungus** not an actual worm. On animals it can appear as a scaly/crusty patch or cause thinning hair.

Quarantine: Ringworm is contagious between animals and humans so simple precautions should be taken to lower the risk of exposure and transferal.

1. Wear gloves, and a long-sleeved shirt or apron when handling the animal.
2. House the animal in an easy to clean room. NO CARPET!
3. Wash clothing and bedding on the hottest, longest setting twice. Bleach is preferable.
4. Once a week skin test (DTM) at Peggy Adams. Tests take 2 weeks before they yield results. 2 sequential negative tests are needed to declared ringworm free.
 - a. DTMs must be taken BEFORE lime-sulphur baths are given.
5. A human case of ringworm can be remedied with an over-the-counter anti-fungal cream.

Medical Baths: Twice a week medicated (lime-sulphur) spray bottle bath. IMPORTANT mix sulphur with water according to the instructions. Too strong can burn and too weak and the fungus will not be killed.

1. **Mix** 1 ounce of lime-sulphur to 16 ounces of water in the provided spray bottle.
2. Place the animal in a plastic bin or tub (No ceramic – will stain).
3. Push fur against the grain and spray so mixture reaches the skin. Don't forget toes, armpits, and tail! Use gauze or cotton balls to wipe the outside of the ears, chin and head.
 - a. Do NOT get mixture inside ears, eyes, or mouth!
4. Let animal drip dry – do not towel dry. Young animals need a warmie in a small space like a carrier. Use pee pads or old towels as the lime-sulphur may stain.
5. Clean the environment with rescue and replenish clean linens.
6. Dump excess lime-sulphur mix and rinse out spray bottle.

Socialize! Though you need to take precautions please still interact with your animal. It is very important for their development and later adoptability.

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