



What is Ringworm?

Ringworm is caused by a fungus (not worms) that grows best in warm moist areas and Hawaii's weather makes it an ideal climate for ringworm to be seen almost year-round. Symptoms can include scaly skin and it can form a reddish ring pattern.

Ringworm is often seen in animals whose immune system has been compromised by stress or lack of good nutrition, which is why we see it in kittens, cats, and puppies that come in as strays.



Treatment

Ringworm treatment typically consists of a twice weekly bath with a medicated shampoo that will be provided.

Prevention

The best way to prevent spread would be to keep the animal in an area that is easy to clean and disinfect. We recommend using a bathroom, but if needed, we can also provide crates or pens to help keep the animal(s) contained in a safe place. The risk of spread is typically low as long as the area is cleaned well and good hygiene is practiced.

Common Signs of Ringworm

- ◆ Raised and circular lesions
- ◆ Scaly skin texture
- ◆ Hair loss
- ◆ Itchiness and skin irritation

Interested in becoming a Ringworm Warrior? Join our Foster Program!

We have many Ringworm puppies in need of fighting the fungus! If you think you can help, please scan the QR code to apply to be a foster volunteer.

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Want to chat and discuss further?

Feel free to contact our Foster Care Team at
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We look forward to working with you!



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