



Alabama Rot Factsheet

Alabama Rot or Cutaneous and Renal Glomerular Vasculopathy (CRGV) is a disease that affects dogs. It can be fatal but this is not always the case and animals can recover with intensive and prompt treatment.

Symptoms

The symptoms of CRGV are skin lesions, mainly on the feet and legs but can be in the mouth and on the muzzle, some dogs will then go on and develop kidney failure too. The symptoms are caused by damage to the small blood vessels in the skin and kidneys but the actual causative agent is unclear.

Treatment

Treatment involves intensive fluid therapy in the form of a drip, monitoring kidney function and antibiotics. This is done with the dog admitted in to the surgery for hospitalisation and nursing care. If treatment is started early in the disease dogs have a chance of survival. There is no test for CRGV in a living animal it can only be diagnosed at post mortem, there is also no vaccine because the cause is unclear.

What can you do?

There are no particular areas to avoid walking your dog at present, cases have been seen from a wide number of areas across the country.

It may be worth washing your dog's feet and legs when you get home from a walk especially if they get wet and muddy.

The skin lesions appear as distinct swellings, patches of red skin or open ulcerated sores. These are most commonly on the lower limbs below the elbow or knee. If you see lesions that worry you please bring your dog in for a check-up.

Please Remember

It is important to remember that the majority of skin problems will not be Alabama Rot, this is a rare condition. Not every dog that develops skin lesions will develop kidney failure, those

with skin lesions only will go on to make a full recovery.

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