

Policies and Procedures

Cat Alopecia Protocol

If areas of hair loss noted on exam follow this process:

1. Woods Lamp

- a. If positive follow ringworm protocol
- b. If negative see "2"

2. Skin Scrape

- a. If positive for sarcoptic mange:
 - i. Positive slide needs to be confirmed.
 - 1. Treat with Revolution 6mg/kg 2 q weeks x 2 doses. Non contagious after 2 weeks or when no longer itchy.
 - 2. ZOONOTIC POTENTIAL
 - 3. Notify staff for signage and handling precautions.
 - ii. Will also need plan for littermates if has littermates/cagemates.
- b. If positive for demodex
 - Positive slide needs to be confirmed
 - ii. CONTAGIOUS TO OTHER CATS.
 - 1. Needs appropriate signage/isolation. Notify staff.
 - iii. Lime Sulfur dip twice weekly x 3 weeks then recheck for additional skin scrape.
- c. If skin scrape is negative:
 - i. Veterinarian needs to see lesions before medication is prescribed.
 - ii. Veterinarian ONLY consider course of clindamycin, comfortis trial, food trials, dry food only trials....

^{**}ALL CLINICAL SIGNS, EXAM FINDINGS, AND MEDICATIONS NEED TO BE WRITTEN ON THE SHEET OR PUT DIRECTLY INTO THE RECORD.