

ITCHY DOGS: TOPICAL TREATMENTS & CULTURE-CRITICAL CASES

In dogs, superficial bacterial folliculitis, sometimes called superficial pyoderma, is a common condition that is often treated with antimicrobials.

Using topical therapy (e.g. biocide shampoos) and other non-antimicrobial alternatives is part of good antimicrobial stewardship, and helps achieve the best outcome for patients.

Topical therapy alone can be just as effective as systemic antimicrobials and can even control resistant infections.

When antimicrobials are needed, careful drug selection is critical. It is always best practice to perform a culture to confirm the therapy is appropriate or needs adjusting, especially in dogs already recently treated with antimicrobials.



For more information, go to:

**Guidelines for the diagnosis and antimicrobial therapy
of canine superficial bacterial folliculitis, from ISCAID**

(Hillier et al. Vet Dermatol 2014)