



PAWS & CLAWS
ANIMAL HOSPITAL
HOLISTIC PET CENTER

Ear Disease

Your pet has been diagnosed with ear disease.

A fairly common problem seen in cats & dogs, ear disease needs to be diagnosed early and treated aggressively to give your pet the quickest recovery time.

Testing must be done to properly stage and treat your pet's ear disease.

Your pet will need some or all of the following testing to determine the stage of your pet's ear disease and to determine which natural medications will be most effective. Keep in mind, the sooner the testing is done, the sooner your pet can be treated using only natural therapies without the need of conventional medications. Please note that some treatment will be started today to help your pet on its way to recovery while we are awaiting results of additional testing.

If not already done, your pet may need the following tests to complete his/her ear disease evaluation:

Blood Profile/ Urinalysis – These tests are done to see if another disease is present which might be affecting your pet's ears (internal disease such as allergies, thyroid, or adrenal can cause ear disease.) Also, these tests measure levels of inflammatory markers which will be used to monitor your pet's treatment.

Fecal Analysis – Various tests are done on your pet's feces to help determine the presence of parasites which can impact your pet's ear treatment. These can include a microscopic fecal analysis looking for parasites, bacteria, and yeasts; Giardia, a parasite easily transmissible to people; and a fecal culture or PCR Test looking for DNA of specific microorganisms.

Cytology – Microscopic analysis of your pet's ear discharge will help us determine if bacteria, yeasts, and/or mites are causing your pet's ear disease.

Culture – A culture may be needed to determine which microorganisms are causing your pet's ear disease.

In order to slow down/stop the progression of your pet's ear disease, please schedule your pet's ear evaluation within the next one to two weeks if not already completed during today's appointment.