



## **SARCOPTIC MANGE**

### **MEDICAL DISCLOSURE FOR SARCOPTIC MANGE**

This pet was diagnosed with a microscopic contagious mite called sarcoptic mange (also known as scabies). These mites cause severe itching and hair loss in affected dogs. The mites are contagious, and can be transmitted to other species of animals through direct contact. Sarcoptic mange is considered zoonotic, meaning that it can also spread to humans from an infected animal. Fortunately this infection is very treatable and the oral administration of medication may be all that this pet needs to clear the infection. This pet was given treatment for the mite infection, as well as any other medicated baths or medications as needed. The pet's skin has improved and he/she has now had a negative skin scraping. However, these mites can be very difficult to find, so it is difficult to confirm that the infection has resolved completely. The pet may be sent home with an additional dose of a monthly medication that the owner will need to administer. In addition, the owner should monitor for any scratching or hair loss, and to consult with their veterinarian if noted as this may be a sign that there are still mites present. All follow-up care will need to be done at the owner's veterinarian and at the owner's expense.