

**BAY CITY VETERINARY CLINIC
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DEMODECTIC MANGE (RED MANGE)

Demodectic Mange is a skin disease caused by a microscopic parasitic mite. These mites are often transmitted from mother to puppy 2-3 days following birth, or from close contact with other pets. It is not contagious from pet to human. Juvenile onset demodicosis occurs in dogs 3-12 months old mostly in short hair breeds. Adult onset generally occurs in dogs more than five years old, and is often associated with internal disease, stress, or cancer. Generalized demodicosis is serious and often difficult to treat. In these cases, the skin is red, crusty and warm. There will be many pustules, which may bleed easily, and there will be a strong rancid odor. Demodicosis also occurs as a chronic foot infection in mature dogs. While most of these cases are curable, some can only be controlled, and periodic re-treatment is necessary. Breeding dogs that are predisposed to the generalized form (large areas of the body) of mange is not recommended. Localized demodicosis is the mildest form where usually hair loss is noticed on the head, or on the front legs. Most of these dogs recover completely.