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Clinical Examination Report

Bella presented to the above clinic for a clinical examination while in the care of Fallen Angels Pet Rescue Haven.

Her age is estimated to be mature adult

Breed: Pitbull terrier cross

Color: Mainly white with non pigmented eyelids and abdominal skin.

Reproductive status: A midline scar on ventral abdomen suggested previous sterilization.

Eye exam:

Non pigmented eyelids which makes her more prone to sunburn and irritation of the eyes. The eyelid margins appear inflamed but no ocular discharge or corneal sensitivity. The inflamed eyelids appear to be long standing. It is recommended to keep her out of the sun and in a dust free area. To alleviate any sensitivity of the eyes it is recommended to wipe her eyes at night with cotton wool soaked in water. Optive fusion or Tears can be used twice per day to alleviate any irritation.

Ear exam:

Slight wax build up but no infection in her ears.

Oral cavity:

Fractured r upper canine but not sensitive to touch. It is recommended to monitor this tooth for any reaction around the gum, swelling of the muzzle or sensitivity to touch. Extraction is not recommended at this stage and premature extraction will have the risk of oronasal fistulation. Capping the tooth at a dental specialist is also not recommended because it will most likely not be a sustainable solution.

The other teeth show normal worn surfaces.

Mucus membranes were normal pink.

Chest auscultation

Heart and lung sounds within normal limits

Skin condition

Old scars on her face.
Right hind lick granuloma
Left front lick granuloma
Left hind lateral old scar

Abdominal skin

Non pigmented abdominal skin is prone to sun damage. Sun damage will lead to solar dermatitis and eventually to skin cancer. The patient had several blister-like skin lesions. These lesions varied between 10 mm and 1 mm. The color varied from bright red to darker red. At least 10 lesions were counted larger than 5 mm.

The most common lesion with this presentation is a cutaneous hemangioma or hemangiosarcoma. Non pigmented skin is more prone to these skin tumors after sun exposure.

Recommendation:

1. It is recommended to remove all lesions that are greater than 5 mm and apply cryotherapy to the smaller lesions.

Unfortunately more will develop as she gets older.

2. It is recommended to send one of these lesions to a pathologist for a specific diagnosis and prognosis.

3. Keeping her out of the sun is recommended. Sunblock will not be able to reverse the solar dermatitis

Lick granulomas

Lick granulomas are self-inflicted changes in the skin due to obsessive licking. These are difficult to treat if the underlying behavior can not be addressed. Enrichment of her environment to alleviate boredom may help. Stopping the licking for at least 10 days to break the lick cycle will be necessary to allow time for inflammation to settle.

Avert bitter solution or a protective collar can discourage her from licking.

A small pink 5 mm pedunculated growth on the left thigh was incidentally found. This can be removed at the same time as the abdominal skin changes.

Bella's skin in general appeared dry - it is recommended to give her a bath every 10 days with Allercalm. Adding efazol to her food can also support the skin. Constant flea control is also recommended.

Her body condition was within expected range - she could not be weight due to loadshedding.

Joint examination

No lameness noted during clinical examination but slight crepitus was present in both elbows and stifles. This is most likely early aging of joints.

For any further information please contact above clinic

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