

Grass seed injuries

1 | WHAT ARE GRASS SEEDS?

Grass seeds are awns from grasses that are shaped like darts. They usually come from meadow grasses.



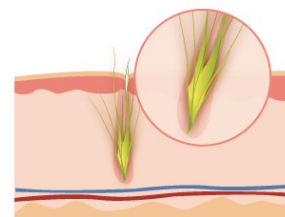
2 | HOW WILL I KNOW?

If your pet has a grass seed, you may notice different signs depending on the location. If in the ears, they may shake their head or scratch at their ears, or walk with their head at an angle. If in the eye, their eye may be watery or inflamed. A common area is in the nose as they sniff along the grass. You may notice sneezing or discharge. In the skin, look for a swelling, redness or an area that is sore-to-touch.



3 | ARE THEY DANGEROUS?

Grass seeds can easily be trapped in dogs' coats as they have bristles that can cling to hair. The pointy end easily pierces the skin and becomes embedded deep inside, unable to escape. This can cause them to migrate to the lungs, brain or other life-threatening areas, causing infection and illness.



4 | HOW TO PREVENT?

You can avoid meadow type grasses and stay close to pathways and side-walks during spring and summer. Have your pet clipped regularly to avoid long fur for seeds to become trapped in. Check them regularly after walks.

If you would like to know more about grass seeds, or would like to book your pet in for a clip, please call us on 49556670