

- ***Canine Leishmaniasis***

Canine Leishmaniasis is a common disease in the Mediterranean region. To help you prevent this disease, we provided the following information for you.

Canine Leishmaniasis is a severe and often fatal disease for dogs and it is carried from dog to dog *by the bite of a specific mosquito* called flebotomo. The infection occurs more often in the months between May and October, when the climatic condition is ideal for the mosquitos. In the province of Málaga we find the **highest incidence of Spain**, specially in the outskirts.

The incubation period varies between 3 and 18 months, although there are animals who don't show any clinical signs for years.

The most common clinical signs are loss of hair, skin disease, loss of appetite and weight loss, overgrowth of claws, nasal bleeding and swelling of superficial linfatic nodes.

To detect wether your pet is infected with Leishmania infantum we simply have to take a *blood sample* and with the help of a quick analiyse test we can read the result within minutes.

Further more you can also extract a sample of bone marrow or an spirate of a linfatic node to visualize the microorganism directly.

In case of infection with Leishmania infantum exists the posibilidad to treat your animal, and although the treatment is not curative it may offer your dog a good quality of life.

The most important step to combat Canine Leishmaniosis is to **prevent the infection**. We have to prevent that our dogs get bitten by the mosquito and therefore we have several products such as the collar *Scalibor* or spot-on products.

This is extremely important in the case of animals that are already infected to prevent the infection of further animals.

We recomend:

Watch the health and body condition of your dog, because the clinical signs begin to appear often in late states of the disease.

Always use preventive products such as the collar or the spot-on.

Take your dog inside at dawn during the months of high risk of mosquitos (May- Octobre).

Check your dog regularly at least once a year.

Dont't hesitate to ask us for further information.

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