# Why are there so many topical dermatology choices?

Topical dermatology products do more than just clean your pet's skin and hair coat. Topical therapy helps to:

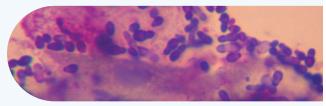
#### **✓** Remove allergens



#### **✓** Control itching



#### ✓ Helps to control infections



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#### ✓ Repair the skin barrier



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## Your veterinarian has many different options to fit with your busy life:

#### **Shampoos**

Frequency depends on the severity of the issue:

- \_\_ **Acute and Severe** Every Other Day
- \_\_\_ Acute and Mild Once or Twice Weekly
- \_\_\_ **Chronic -** Weekly to Every Other Week

## Daily use of any of these achieves the best results:

- Wipes
- Mousse
- \_\_\_ Spray Conditioners

## Your veterinarian recommends the following for your pet:

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## Human shampoo isn't designed for your pet

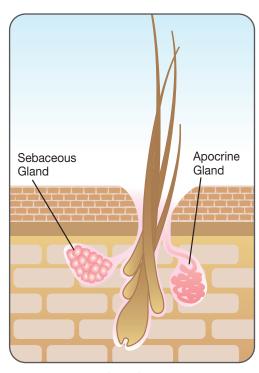


### What are the differences?

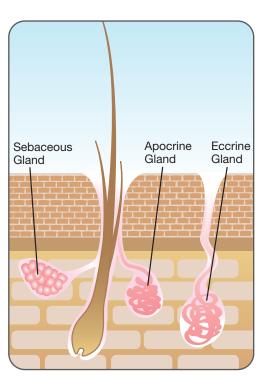
Understanding the differences between human and canine skin is essential for ensuring the proper care.



CANINE SKIN	HUMAN SKIN	
Outer skin is 3-5 cells thick	Outer skin is 10-15 cells thick	
Apocrine sweat glands (eccrine sweat glands only in foot pads)	Apocrine and eccrine sweat glands	
pH 7.5 average (alkaline)	pH 5.5 average (acidic)	
Cyclical hair growth	Continual hair growth	
Hair – bundles	Hair – solitary	
Epidermal turnover rate about 22 days (skin shedding)	Epidermal turnover rate about 28 days (skin shedding)	







Human Skin Layer