## Dermatophytes commonly seen in Veterinary Practice



Microscopic diagnosis after culturing on ESA (ChroMyco® Duo Plate) \* = of diagnostic importance

	Microsporum canis	Microsporum gypseum	Microsporum nanum	Microsporum gallinae	Microsporum persicolor	Epidermophyton floccosum	Trichophyton mentagrophytes	Trichophyton rubrum	Trichophyton verrucosum	Trichophyton equinum
Species and incidence	Human: 3% (mostly children, usually scalp and skin) Dogs: 70% Cats 98%	Human: rare (usually scalp and skin) Dogs: 20% Cats: 1%	Human: rare Pigs: usual	Human: rare Fowl: usual	Human: rare Dogs: rare Voles and bats: usual	Infects only humans: 1% (usually groin, feet or nails) Rare in animals	Human: 9% (skin, scalp,hair, nails, esp. feet & groin) Dogs: 10% Cats: 1%	Infects only human: 41% (usually skin, feet, hands, nails, groin, very rare in hair and scalp) Rare in animals	Cattle: usual Human, horses, sheep: occasional	Human: very rare Horses: usual
Colony Appearance (Top view)	White and fluffy centre with golden yellow border. Closely spaced radial grooves.	Mostly cinnamon-buff (yellowish brown) with white border. Rapid spreading mycelium.	White to buff (yellowish brown) with a powdery appearance.	White to pink with a velvety appearance.	Flat, white to pinkish. Suede-like to granular texture peripheral fringe.	Olive green to yellow-mustard color. Colony folded and lumpy.	Buff and powdery or white and down.	White to buff, fluffy and down.	White, sometimes yellow or grey. Velvety appearance. Heaped, smaller colonies.	Cream to tan and velvety.
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Reverse Colony Color (Undersurface view)	*Yellow that dulls to brown with age.	Cream, tan to red brown.	Initially orange, later red-brown.	Red pigment that diffuses into the media.	Reverse pigmentation is orange to red.	Orange to brown. Will not survive refrigeration.	Brown to tan (usual), dark red, or yellow.	*Deep red, white; sometimes brown, yellow or colourless.	White, sometimes yellow.	Yellow to red-brown
Microscopic Macroconidia taken from ESA (Enhanced Sporulation Agar)	*Knob end and spiny with a rough, thick wall 6 or more cells.	*Many, spiny thin wall with 3 to 6 cells, rounded ends.	*Many, oval shape with thin spiny wall 1 to 3 cells	*Many, clavate. Often curved with thins smooth wall,	Thin-walled, rough- walled at the tip, cigar-shaped,	*Blunt-clavate. Smooth walls in groups of 2,	Cigar-shaped with thin smoothed cells.	2 - 8 cells, parallel sides rarely seen.	*Rare, long, thin and smooth wall. Many chlamydospore	Rare, clavate thin and smooth wall 3 to 5 cells.
			(usually 2).	4 - 10 cells.	4-7-cells.	2 - 6 cells.	spiral hyphae  Trichophyton mentagrophytes		chains.	Sales Manager Control of the Control
Microscopic Microconidia taken from ESA	*Few, form along hyphae. Pyriform to round.	Clavae, Non diagnostic.	*Few to moderate, clavate.	Few or abundant clavate to pyriform, non diagnostic.	Dense clusters, spherical. Spiral hyphae present.	None formed.	*Rare to numerous round or pyriform, often with coiled or spiral hyphae.	*Born, singly on hyphae small, pyriform.	Rare, pyriform to clavate non-diagnostic.	Many, on hyphae and pyriform to round.
(Enhanced Sporulation Agar)		Ush MED WHICH COLUMN	, Stam,	拼			Trichophylog messagrophytes	N. W.	Sum.	
Usual time (days)	5 - 10	4 - 6	5 - 7	6 - 10	10 - 12	7 - 10	7 - 10	8 - 12	10 - 12, grows best at 37°C	4 - 5