

Sebaceous Adenitis

This is a disorder that involves inflammation of sebaceous glands that are normally lubricating the skin and hair follicles. Symptoms include scaly and flaky skin, thickening of skin and hair loss. The hair loss looks similar to a moth eaten coat. Secondary infections can cause odours and sores. This disease mimics the symptoms of other diseases and can sometimes be difficult to diagnose. Allergies, and hypothyroidism are sometimes diagnosed when the disorder is, in fact, Sebaceous Adenitis.

Sebaceous Adenitis is a Autoimmune disease in which the Poodle's own immune system attacks the sebaceous glands.

Genome scanning has not yet identified the genetic basis for SA, but there is strong evidence that Autoimmune disorders, such as SA, do have a genetic component, that involves multiple genes in addition to external factors

There is currently no cure for SA. The symptoms can be eased by oil baths and other treatments.

A skin biopsy (which involves punching small pieces of skin) is currently the only way to correctly diagnose SA. The age at which SA manifests itself varies.