

EARS

Otitis Externa - Certain breeds have a higher incidence of external ear disease. The GSD has an adequate lumen size proportional to their ear canals, but it is offset by unusually heavy wax production that begins early in life. Unless ear infections are cleared up fairly quickly, they can rapidly become chronic. Humid conditions exacerbate the condition, so if your dog is prone to these problems, increased care and attention is needed.

*Where there is just inflammation of the inside edge of the outer ear (the Pinna) and the outer third of the ear canal with reddening, thickening, waxiness combining to result in increasing pigmentation (black) can be seen in association with hypothyroidism and acanthosis nigricans. These dogs have associated skin conditions.

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