

SURVEY ON THE EFFICACY OF VARIOUS ANTIPRURITIC AGENTS AVAILABLE IN THE MARKET BY THE VETERINARIANS AND DOG OWNERS IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

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Pruritus is an itching sensation that causes the animal to chew or lick at the affected area of the skin. This research surveyed the efficacy of available antipruritic agents in Trinidad and Tobago. Questionnaires assessing treatment methods, common commercial drugs, and their respective active ingredients used against pruritus, were distributed to dog owners and small animal veterinarians online and in person. Veterinarians employed combination therapy and the use of shampoos as topical medication with greater efficacy. Whereas most dog owners utilized topical treatments with shampoos containing anti-inflammatory agents. The study will give insight into the proper way of managing pruritus by dog owners with minimal toxicity.

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