Mystery Itching & Skin Issues...





NEW breed of Mites attack ALL year, but especially in the Winter/Cold Weather (Identified & exposed in 2012 by Ruggles & Stopitall Ltd)

What, Why & How...

Do you have <u>very itchy</u> pets, horses, alpacas, farm animals – <u>especially</u> the feet, lower limbs, armpits &/or insides of back legs, chin, ears & even shoulders & backs?

- The culprit is often the *Millennium Mite* (a relatively new UK resident believed to have originated in Northern Australia). They are mostly **invisible** (often not showing up on scrapes) & it seems **spot-ons/traditional** products **struggle** to kill them (& any eggs).
- This **Mite** can attack **year-round**, and especially in the colder months. Plus **Harvest Mites** June to Nov'/(Dec')

 The *Millennium Mite* 'invisibility' can be **mistaken** for fleas or attack from flying bugs (flies, midges, mossies).

Millennium Mite indicators (they can attack ALL animals with fur/coats but not humans):

- Biting or scratching in front armpits/chest area (sometimes side of shoulders),
- Itchy manes/necks just ahead of the withers area,
- Trying to the bite sides of bellies and/or under & down insides of back legs,
- Skin pinkness and/or hair loss & scurf. Plus blackened skin & hair loss (often in **Spring + Autumn**)
- Rubbing bums/tails (and sometimes croups/backs),
- Stamping and/or biting feet
- Unexplained general itchiness and/or scurf; crusty scabs; mystery lumps
- Itchy faces, ears and/or under chins.
- 1. Since 2008, there has been virtually NO time without a heavy mite activity in the UK
- 2. Whether using the natural *Ruggle-it* or chemicals, it can be a struggle to keep them at bay...
- 3. **But** at least with *Ruggle-it* there's **no** damage to the immune system from chemicals.

Already itchy?

- Follow your species' **Itching Planner <u>very closely</u>** for the 14-28 days (if you do less, bugs can quickly return).
- This allows *Ruggle-it* to help **kill off** any breeding/attached bugs, to calm, soothe & then deter.
- Important. As *Millennium Mites* A. appear to <u>live/breed</u> on the body, B. often in areas **AWAY** from where the animal is attacking itself, & C. are **extremely hard to kill** naturally <u>or</u> with 'harsh products', D. **IF** we do not try to follow the **Planner's routine** & **"Must Do Zones"** closely, these determined mites will seemingly hold their breath for a few days & then **return** with a vengeance.
- **Good News.** Once itching is calmed, now follow your "*Prevention"* pages in the Orange Application Notes Booklet ("OANB") a 60 seconds application!

The keys to success + Prevention

- > The vital element is ensuring *Ruggle-it* Diluted oil ("DIL") (large + outdoor/kennelled animals) or Salve + Shampoo (indoor small animals) is fully onto the hair/skin & especially in the "Must Do Zones".
- > <u>Not itchy just want Prevention?</u> See your species' **prevention** section in your OANBooklet to quickly keep "go away" messages intact. <u>Deterring fleas, mi</u>tes, ticks, flies, midges, mossies, head lice etc. all at the same time!
- > Ruggle-it will help to prevent attacks as long as we keep the natural "go away" messages topped up. If we leave it too long between top ups, Mother Nature cannot work Her wonders. Just ebb & flow with seasonal bug challenges.
- > **Prevention** is 100% **simple & quick** ...just an intermittent thorough spray or sponge-on to <u>keep it in the hair shaft</u> & on the skin...no rinsing, no drying, nothing! Done in seconds.
- > **Important.** Need to refresh yourself about the non-negotiable <u>"Must Do Zones"</u> or **DIL** or other **mixture** ratios? Grab your Orange Application Notes Booklet (OANB) & **go to** your species' <u>"Quick-Start"</u> pages.
- Latest OANBooklets & Planners [v53] they <u>save you £££</u>. Make *Ruggle-it* **go further**, work **faster**, be even 'more clever/versatile'. Order online or ask us just £1.60 (updated 20-page version).
- **Avoid seaonal threats** e.g. ticks, harvest mites, mystery itch R&SL's News web helps you be ahead of threats.