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Extremely severe itching / almost continuous

Itching doesn't stop whatever is happening, even in the consulting room (needs to be physically restrained from itching)

Severe itching / prolonged episodes

Itching might occur at night (if observed) and also when eating, playing, exercising or being distracted

Moderate itching / regular episodes

Itching might occur at night (if observed), but not when eating, playing, exercising or being distracted

Mild itching / a bit more frequent

Wouldn't itch when sleeping, eating, playing, exercising or being distracted

Very mild itching / only occasional episodes

The dog is slightly more itchy than it was before the skin problem started

Normal dog – I don't think itching is a problem

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