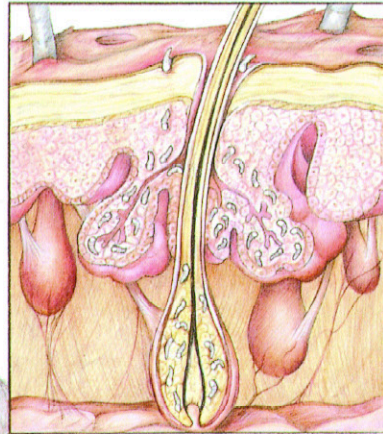


Demodex is part of the normal skin fauna and is usually present in small numbers in healthy animals.



The entire life cycle is spent on the host in the hair follicles or sebaceous glands.



Adult *Demodex* mite

Demodex

Diagnostic Plan

History
Physical examination
Skin scrapings
Skin biopsy
Skin culture

Therapeutic Plan

Topical keratolytic agents
Antibacterials
Topical drugs to kill the mite

Dietary Plan

A diet adequate for tissue repair
A diet based on individual patient evaluation including body condition and other organ system involvement or disease
Medication to kill the mite