

Check your dog regularly for symptoms of **Alabama Rot**

Alabama Rot is a rare but potentially **fatal disease** of dogs. Although Alabama Rot is very rare in the UK, there has been a recent spate of cases, and it is worth checking your dog regularly for symptoms.

Symptoms of Alabama Rot

Typical appearance:

An open, ulcer-like sore, or a patch of red skin

Typical site:

Paws, legs, belly, muzzle or mouth

Dogs with Alabama Rot often develop severe kidney problems 1 to 9 days after the skin problems appear. This leads to:

- Vomiting
- Reduced appetite
- Tiredness

Preventing Alabama Rot

As the cause of Alabama Rot is unknown, it is difficult to give specific advice about prevention. However, it may be helpful to wash any part of your dog that gets wet or muddy, especially between November and May, which is when most cases have occurred. But until we know what causes this condition, vigilance is the best way to prevent serious disease:

1. Check regularly for skin problems
2. Check any area of skin that your dog licks persistently
3. Contact us at Clent Hills Vets if you are in any doubt about the significance of a symptom

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If you find a sore that fits this description contact us as soon as possible. If your dog does have Alabama Rot, the sooner he receives treatment the more likely he is to survive.



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Don't hesitate to contact us if you need more information.

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Emergency Care: 01527 889810