



### **PRURITUS SCORING IN DOGS – HOW ITCHY IS YOUR DOG?**

This type of scoring system has recently been designed to help owner's measure the severity of itching in their dogs. Remember that itching can include licking, scratching, biting, chewing, nibbling or rubbing. Please chart the changes in the level of itchiness that you observe over the course of your dog's treatment. Read all the descriptions below **starting from the bottom**. Then mark the point at which you think your dog's level of itchiness lies on the vertical scale for each point in time.

Extremely severe itching/almost continuous

Itching does not stop whatever is happening, even in the consulting room (needs to 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

Very mild/only occasional episodes

The Dog is slightly itchier than it was before the skin problem started

Normal dog

I do not think itching is a problem

