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Information for Dog Owners

Between December 2012 and April 2013, a small number of dog deaths in the New Forest prompted an investigation into a possible dog illness.

A further six cases were also confirmed outside of the New Forest around the UK not all of which were fatal. Despite environmental and veterinary testing, the exact underlying cause remains unknown.

Unfortunately, a further two cases, one fatal, have been confirmed in January 2014, one dog having been walked in this area.

Dog owners are advised to look out for wounds or lesions on the limbs or face of their dog about the size of a 50 pence piece. Owners should seek advice from their vet. Affected dogs may then go on to develop signs of severe depression, loss of appetite and vomiting.

The reported cases represent an extremely small proportion of the many hundreds of dogs that are exercised in the New Forest every day and it is likely that this syndrome is extremely rare.

If you are a **dog owner** and believe your dog has been affected, please direct your enquiries to your local vet.

Your **vet** may want to contact Anderson Moores on 01962 76792 or by emailing info@andersonmoores.com.

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