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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 seven cases were also confirmed outside of the New Forest around the UK all of which were fatal. Despite environmental and veterinary testing, the exact underlying cause remains unknown.

Unfortunately, a further five cases, four fatal, have been confirmed since December 2013, one dog having been walked in this area. Other cases have been reported around the UK.

Dog owners are advised to look out for wounds or lesions of unknown origin on the limbs or face of their dog. The lesions can range from a 5 pence to a 50 pence piece in size. Owners should seek advice from their vet if they are concerned. 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](mailto:info@andersonmoores.com).

The most up to date information can be found at:  
[www.forestry.gov.uk/newforest](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/newforest)

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