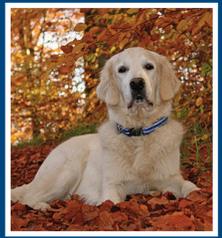




Animal Health Trust

Dogs owners warned to stay alert for signs of mystery dog illness



In recent years, during autumn, several dogs which had been walked in woodlands suddenly became ill. In some cases, dogs did not recover. Cases of this illness, named Seasonal Canine Illness (SCI), are usually seen from August to November. The AHT advises you to remain vigilant during this time and seek immediate advice from a vet if you are concerned about your dog.

What is SCI and how is it being tackled?

Thanks to funding from The Kennel Club, the AHT is investigating SCI.

Cases of this mystery illness are usually seen between August and November. SCI can affect dogs of any size, breed or sex and it causes dogs to become very ill, very quickly after being walked in woodland.

The most common clinical signs are sickness, diarrhoea and lethargy. **If you suspect your dog is showing signs of SCI, please contact your vet immediately.**

At present, it is not known what causes SCI but we do know it can affect any dog that has been walked in woodland in autumn and the clinical signs come on very quickly, usually between 24 and 72 hours.

The AHT's investigation focusses on five sites (listed below) enabling it to collect data from both affected and unaffected dogs from defined areas. **Dogs could be at risk of SCI walking in any woodland area during autumn, so please stay vigilant.**

SCI - WHAT TO LOOK OUT FOR

If you have walked in woodland and notice the following signs in your dog/s, please contact a vet immediately:

Vomiting  **Diarrhoea**  **Lethargy**

Clinical signs come on incredibly quickly, within a few hours of access to woodland.



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If you have walked your dog/s in any of these areas:

Sandringham Estate or Thetford Forest, Norfolk
Clumber Park or Sherwood Forest, Nottinghamshire
Rendlesham Forest, Suffolk

please complete our online questionnaire - regardless of whether your dog was taken ill or not.



For the latest information, and to complete our online questionnaire, visit www.aht.org.uk/sci, email sci@aht.org.uk or call **01638 555399**



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