

Dear Dr. Upton:

My Cocker Spaniel recently contracted Pelodera Dermatitis from the feces of Miscovey Ducks that I was feeding. Unfortunately, I have contracted it as well as my aunt. I have a quite diminished immune system due to multiple health issues. This parasite has invaded my face, arms, and legs. My face is the worst of all with large gapeing holes going to the depth of mycapillaries also they have invaded my tear ducts where you can see in the red tissue of my eyes many eggs. My aunt has them on her face and in her nose. This is the most horrible thing that I have endured. My aunt was only visiting for about 15 minutes one day, three weeks ago. The two doctors, one a dermatologist and a infectious disease physician. They acted as if I was out of my mind because they initially couldn't see anything with the naked eye. Now I have escalated into a frightening level and have started coughing. Please, if you will, call me collect as soon as possible. We need to have someone with the information that you have provided to talk to our doctors. My dog is on Ivomec. The vet was the only one who believed in the severity of what we had and provided us with some information. My number is xxxxxxxxxxxx. Since this is relatively rare in humans, I would offer myself as a study case if you would care to do something like that. I can take pictures of my face...you would not believe it. I can see the worm holes down to my capillaries because I still am trying to extract the grown larve with a tweezer. We also must know how to exterminate them in our enviroment. I have called Atlanta to Disease Control. They are a brain dead bunch and just referred me to our local health department. I called our health department and you would think I was talking Greek. Their only suggestion was to have the ducks removed. Well, I guessed that!!! So my aunt and I are left swinging in the wind with a contageous, growing health issue. Please Help!!! If I am not here, I will go to the emergency room at the hospital. Please leave a message and I will call you back as soon as possible. Your assistance would be most appreciated.

Sincerely,

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