

**A REPORT ON THE RARE OCCURRENCE OF *PHTHIRUS PUBIS*,
THE HUMAN PUBIC LOUSE OR CRAB LOUSE IN A TWO
YEAR OLD MALE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG**

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ABSTRACT

The occurrence of the human pubic louse or crab louse *Phthirus pubis* was reported in a two year old male German shepherd dog with intense itching, frequent biting around the back and loss of hairs surrounding the anal region. On examination of the skin scrapings, there was no evidence of fungal conidiospores or mites. However, on closer examination of the hairs with the help of a magnifying lens revealed nits and lice which were identified as *Phthirus pubis*. The infested dog was successfully treated with topical application of deltamethrin and mycoderm powder.

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