



# Young Shar Pei

*Shar Peis are a brave, independent and loyal breed. You should also know they can be predisposed to the following ailments. Examinations twice a year and routine diagnostics to catch problems early, when they are easiest to treat, are recommended for the life of your dog.*

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## Seborrhea

### Description

Seborrhea is a common skin disease that can cause either dry, flaky skin or greasy, oily skin. This can be problematic because your dog may become smelly, experience discomfort and hair loss, and be at a higher risk for secondary skin infections.

### Early Detection

**Recommended:** comprehensive physical examinations twice a year.

### Why Needed

Seborrhea can contribute to:

- Discomfort
- Dry, flaky and itchy skin
- Greasy, oily skin
- Smell
- Hair loss

## Otitis

### Description

Otitis is the medical term for ear infections. Ear infections can be caused by allergies or lifestyle (ex. swimming). Shar Peis are more likely to get recurring ear infections because they often have very narrow ear canals, which contribute to excessive buildup of materials in the canals.

### Early Detection

**Recommended:** otoscopic exams twice a year.

### Why Needed

Otitis can contribute to:

- Pain
- Itchy, smelly ears
- Hearing loss
- Bleeding ears
- The need for surgery

## Atopy

### Description

Atopy is allergies to inhaled substances such as pollens, mold and dust. This is similar to hay fever in humans, but skin itchiness is the most common sign in dogs.

### Early Detection

**Recommended:** comprehensive examinations twice a year. Allergy testing is the best way to diagnose atopy.

### Why Needed

Atopy can contribute to:

- Discomfort
- Regular scratching and rubbing
- Chronic skin infections
- Other skin issues and lesions from the constant scratching
- Chronic or recurrent ear infections

## Entropion

### Description

Entropion is when the edges of the eyelid turn in. This causes the lashes to rub against the surface of the eye, causing discomfort and pain.

### Early Detection

**Recommended:** ophthalmic examinations twice a year.

### Why Needed

Entropion can contribute to:

- Discomfort and pain
- Excessive tearing
- Eye redness
- Damage to the cornea
- Vision loss

## Optimum Wellness Plans® and Shar Peis

### Included in the Essential Wellness Plan

- Otitoscopic examinations twice a year\*
- Ophthalmic examinations twice a year\*

\*Part of the comprehensive examination



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