



# Young Basset Hound

*Basset Hounds 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. For more information about your pet, talk to your Banfield medical team.*

## IVDD

### Description

Intervertebral Disc Disease (IVDD) is caused when the cushion between vertebra slips or ruptures. Emergency surgery is sometimes required.

### Early Detection

**Recommended:** orthopedic and neurological exams twice year, possibly radiographs.

### Why Needed

IVDD can contribute to:

- Severe pain
- Limited mobility
- Pressure on the spinal cord
- Paralysis

## Otitis

### Description

Otitis is the medical term for ear infections. Ear infections can be caused by allergies or lifestyle (ex. swimming). Basset Hounds are more likely to get recurring ear infections because the large exterior part of the ear (the pinna) blocks circulation of air, and can trap moisture in the ear canal.

### 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

## Seborrhea

### Description

Seborrhea is a common skin disease that can cause either dry, flaky skin or greasy, oily skin. This can be problematic for 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

## Gastric Dilatation and Volvulus

### Description

Gastric dilatation and volvulus is when the stomach fills with fluid and gas and then twists on itself. It is also called bloat. This can cut off the blood supply to the stomach and spleen.

### Warning Signs

There is no early detection for this disorder. Deep-chested dogs, like Basset Hounds, are much more likely to develop this disorder. Look for signs of dry heaving, grunting, restlessness or distress, and/or a bulging of the abdomen.

### Why Important

Gastric dilatation and volvulus is an emergency situation and often fatal if not treated very quickly. Rush to our hospital or an animal emergency clinic immediately if signs are noticed.

### Preventive Measures

The best thing to do is to feed your dog 2-3 smaller meals a day instead of one large one, and to avoid strenuous exercise right after eating. There is a surgery (prophylactic gastropexy) that can be performed that limits the stomach's ability to twist. Discuss this option with your veterinarian.

## Optimum Wellness Plans® and Basset Hounds

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- Orthopedic examinations twice a year\*
- Otoloscopic examinations twice a year\*
- Neurological examinations twice a year\*

\*Part of the comprehensive examination

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