

Storage Mites

What are storage mites?

Storage mites are tiny animals that typically inhabit dry foods like cereals, grains, flours and pet foods. Dogs with storage mite allergies will benefit from measures which reduce the level of mites in their food and environment.

Tips for controlling storage mite allergens

- Switch your dog to a grain-free, cereal-free food
- Wet foods are preferable to dry food as dry foods are frequently infested by mites (sometimes even before opening!)
- Keep food and treats in a cool, dry place
- Remember that treats should be cereal and grain free too and keep these in a sealed container
- If feeding dry food, decant this into a plastic storage bin or sealed container once opened
- Between refills, the container should be washed with hot water and washing-up liquid then dried thoroughly
- Don't buy dry food that is close to the sell by date
- Don't keep dry food for more than 1 month after opening the bag
- Wash your pet's food and water bowls daily with hot water and washing-up liquid
- Avoid plastic bowls; mites can live in the scratches on the surface
- Keep the floor around your dog's bowls clean and vacuum the area regularly

