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Woods Lamp Protocol

1. Always have a second person for extra hands.
2. Warm up the lamp when you initially enter the exam room; needs about 5-10 minutes to warm up.
3. Turn out the lights.
4. Scan the animal all over, holding the lamp close to the skin.
5. Look for an apple-green glow, and the whole hair shaft should glow (especially the base).
 - Doxycycline, Terramycin, dust and carpet fibres are all examples of things that will also glow, in a variety of colours.
6. Don't forget to check the nose, eyes, whiskers, inside the ears, tips of toes and bottoms of feet.
7. Suspicious lesions should always be submitted for diagnostic testing, as per ***ringworm protocol***.
8. If unsure if the skin or hair is glowing, pluck the suspected glowing hairs, place on a white piece of paper and look under the Wood's lamp to look for the typical apple-green colour.



Ringworm Positive using Woods lamp
Photo adapted from material on the ASPCApro.org website