

## Letter to the Editor

# Dog Ear Mite Infestation: a Possible Problem in Public Health System

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Editor, I read the recent publication on ear mite infestation from Thailand with a great interest (Maazi et al. 2010). Indeed, this is an important public health problem that can be easily forgotten. *Otodectes* can infect to the dog's owner and this can be a forgotten zoonosis (Van de Heyning and Thienpont 1977, Ugbomoiko et al. 2008). Based on this report, the source of infection is believed to be from Thailand. Indeed, in Thailand, there are many cases of accidental finding of *Otodectes* in human beings but it is under-reported. The problem of control of dogs, hygiene in Thailand is still a challenge. Finally, these methods are suggested for control of the possible emerging of *Otodectes* infection: a) legal control of dog, b) health education for dog's owner, c) surveillance on dog borne diseases including to otodectosis and d) promotion of awareness to the medical personnel on this forgotten problem.

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