

WHAT'S THAT SORE ON MY CAT'S FACE?

Rodent ulcer might sound like a rat's disease, but it's common in cats, and there are simple things you can do to help clear it up.

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If your cat is living with recurring sores on its mouth, lips or chin, it might be suffering from eosinophilic granuloma complex (EGC), also called rodent ulcer.

Rodent ulcer sounds like something a rat might get from worrying too much, but it's actually a common inflammatory skin condition that affects cats. It's believed that farmers coined this name years ago when they thought their cats got mouth sores from eating or being bitten by diseased rats.

Experts now know that rodent ulcer, which is part of EGC, actually is related to allergies or hypersensitivity diseases and has no connection to rats.

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