

Problem		Symptoms	Treatment
Allergies	Allergies can cause ear and eye problems, and can lead to serious ear infections.	Shaking his head; excessive ear scratching. Skin around ears is red and inflamed from the scratching.	See your Vet to find out the underlying cause of the problem; she can help you address the allergy problems.
Bacteria or Yeast Infection	Common in toy dogs because of their narrow ear canals.	Scratching; shaking the head. Possibly bad smell from ears. Excessive black/ brownish colour ear wax (or cerumen) often smelly.	If regular home cleaning doesn't improve the situation right away, see your Vet for a proper diagnoses - different infections are treated differently.
Parasites like ear mites	Ear mites and fleas can get into the ear canal. Mites are highly infectious to your other pets - nearly invisible. Not as prevalent as you might fear.	Scratching; shaking the head. Brownish black crusty debris (looks like coffee grounds) in and around the dog's ear canal.	Vet treatment; your vet will do a good deep cleaning and then likely give an injection.
Foreign Particles	Anything your Morkie picks up outside could get into his ear canal and cause discomfort and pain and even an infection.	Dog bothers at the ear; ear may be swollen. Violent shaking of the head.	If you can see and easily reach the object, remove it and flush the ear with a cleaning solution. Otherwise, see the Vet right away.

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