In recent years, during autumn, several dogs walked in woodlands suddenly became ill. In some cases, dogs did not recover. Cases of this illness, named seasonal canine illness (SCI), are usually seen from August to November. Please seek immediate veterinary advice if you are concerned about your dog.

**SCI - WHAT TO LOOK OUT FOR**

If you have walked in woodland and notice the following signs in your dog/s within 72 hours, please contact a vet immediately:

- Vomiting
- Diarrhoea
- Lethargy

Clinical signs come on very quickly, within a few hours of access to woodland.

**Dogs could be at risk of SCI walking in any woodland area during autumn, so please stay vigilant.**

**CAUSE OF SCI STILL UNKNOWN**

There are no known preventive measures, but the following may help:

1. Ask your vet about topical spray treatments for mites to apply to your dog immediately before a walk. These may offer more protection against mites than spot-on treatments.

2. If you are taking your dog on holiday with you and/or travelling long journeys in the lead up to walking in woodland, ensure your dog has lots of breaks and access to fresh water before, during and after your journey.

Find out more at [www.aht.org.uk/sci](http://www.aht.org.uk/sci)