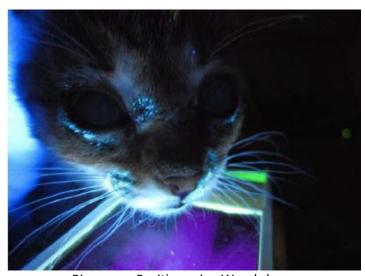
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Woods Lamp Protocol

- 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

Woods Lamp Ordering Info:

Model UVL-21 (115V): http://www.minresco.com/uvlamps/handlamp.htm