

**Napa Valley Holistic Veterinary Services
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Lick Granuloma**

Riley is an 8-year-old male/neutered Australian Shepard with a forelimb amputation. He had a history of several lick granulomas. The owners adopted him on 12/12/16. His history with the rescue organization stated that he had several lick granulomas that resolved with the administration of rimadyl and tramadol as well as fluoxetine.

The lick granuloma on the left hind tarsus (pictured below) had not resolved on the medications and after discontinuing the fluoxetine it did not worsen. They attributed the lick granulomas to pain, but perhaps some behavioral components as well.



Treatment started with topical gentocin-synotic once daily for 2 weeks. On 12/15/16 daily laser treatment commenced (ACTIVet PRO - 50Hz for 2 minutes and then blue light at 100% for 3 minutes) over the wounds. This continued for 8 days at which time laser treatment was adjusted to every other day.

Once the open wounds had resolved we adjusted to one 250Hz – 2 minute treatment and discontinued use of the blue light. Unwind protocol was never used. Herbal salve with olive oil, calendula, plantain, lavender and yarrow were also used until the wounds had fully resolved. On 12/23 wound was covered with a sock and collar as needed and this greatly improved outcomes.

Riley's Results

