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# Frequency and treatment of deep wounds on the head and neck of dogs in private veterinary clinics in Lubumbashi

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## ABSTRACT

*Objective:* Aimed at assessing the prevalence, causes, and treatment protocols for deep wounds in dogs, particularly focusing on the head and neck regions, within private veterinary clinics in Lubumbashi, Democratic Republic of Congo.

*Methodology and Results:* Conducted between March 1 and September 3, 2023, the research was both prospective and retrospective. It involved visits to seven private veterinary practices and centres in Lubumbashi. Data collection was facilitated through structured questionnaires and the review of clinical records from the participating institutions. The study encompassed 321 dogs of various breeds, ages, and sex.

*Conclusion and Application of results:* The study highlighted the significant prevalence of deep wounds in dogs, especially in the head and neck regions, within private veterinary clinics in Lubumbashi. It emphasized the need for standardized treatment protocols and further research to enhance wound management and healing outcomes in canine patients.