Kathleen Bryan knows exactly how fast a Jack Russell terrier can sprint. She has tried to cleanse the ears and administer medication when her dog Petey has had a bad case of otitis.

“She sees the battle coming and I can’t catch him,” said Bryan, who owns three Jack Russells among the many animals she and her husband care for on their 100-acre spread in Jackson, Tenn.

“The dogs share our bedroom, and no one sleeps when Petey is scratching and whimpering.”

The details of a particularly bad bout of otitis externa that Petey endured in June 2008 illustrate the role laser therapy can play in aiding treatment and speeding recovery.

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