Scabs and sores on your rat’s neck, shoulders, or head area are usually caused by one of three things and can range from a couple spots to a massive amount:

- Poor diet – some colors are more prone to getting scabs; change of diet, bathing, and clipping nails is helpful
- Parasites – from lice or mites; requires veterinarian intervention
- Hormones – most commonly seen in males 6–8 months of age or pregnant or nursing females

Contact an experienced rat veterinarian for diagnosis and treatment.

For more information, check out the AFRMA web site www.afrma.org/rmindex.htm.