Are there any dangers involved?
Adverse reactions are extremely rare, and any reactions if they do occur should only be temporary and non-life threatening.

When would I see allergy symptoms in my pet?
This depends on the cause of the animal’s allergy problems.

When is your pet chewing, licking, sneezing, itching, redness, wheezing, coughing?
If it has an allergy to pollens you might see all or more symptoms in the spring or summer. If, however, it has a problem with indoor substances, such as house dust or mites, or food related allergies, you are more likely to see year round allergies.

Willie has been on allergy shots for a short 3 months.....he is down to one allergy pill, and no hives! Thank you Spectrum Labs! -Tina K.

Spectrum Labs is proud to offer the latest in allergy testing for Canine, Feline and Equine Allergies with the patented Serum Allergy Testing and Treatment Program.

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Dogs and cats, just like humans, can have allergies. More than 30% of all skin irritations in these animals can be attributed to allergies.

What are allergies?

An allergic reaction is one in which an individual reacts to a normal substance in the environment. These substances are called allergens and include pollens, molds, animal hair, house dust, fleas, foods and many more. Allergens cause reactions through skin contact, inhalation or ingestion. Allergic animals possess IgE antibodies to the specific allergens. These antibodies cause biochemical changes in the body which produce allergy symptoms.

How can I have my pet’s allergies diagnosed?

After a thorough examination, your veterinarian will decide if allergy testing is indicated for your pet. Having ruled out other possible causes, a small sample of blood may be drawn and submitted to Spectrum Labs for diagnostic evaluation. There, your pet’s serum will be tested for sensitivity to inhalants such as pollens from trees, grasses, weeds and shrubs, fungi, house dust and mites, as well as for a host of food types used as ingredients in commercial dog and cat food preparations.

Why are my pet’s symptoms worse some times than others?

Allergens are cumulative in their effect on animals. The more allergens an animal is exposed to at any one time increases the chance of allergy symptoms, as well as the extent of the reaction. The easiest way to picture this “threshold” phenomenon is to think of drops of water in a bucket, sooner or later the bucket will overflow, much as the immune system “overflows” beyond it’s threshold. For this reason, time of a symptom’s onset is not necessarily an indication of what the animal is allergic to. An animal with food and pollen allergies may only show symptoms in the summer (pollen count at its highest) because the pollens push it over the threshold.

How effective is this form of treatment?

Some allergy symptoms dissipate with time and treatment. In other cases animals may require continued allergy treatment to maintain tolerance to the allergens in question. With adherence to the treatment schedule, one can expect an excellent chance of elimination of or reduced dependence on steroid drugs. Improvement in most cases is seen after 3-5 months of treatment.

What about food allergies?

Since dogs and cats cannot be hyposensitized to foods, elimination is the only form of treatment in the case of food allergies. Should your pet test positive to foods, Spectrum Labs will supply your veterinarian with a list of commercially available foods free from the ingredients to which your pet tested positive.