ALLERGIES IN DOGS & CATS

Many pets suffer from allergies. Excessive licking, biting and scratching that allergies cause, can put dogs and cats at risk for other, more serious problems, like skin infections.

**SYMPTOMS**

Symptoms that worsen during the warmer months can be indicative of a strong seasonal allergy component whereas those that persist all year round may also include mites, dander and indoor allergens.

- Itchy, watery eyes
- Runny nose
- Sneezing, coughing, wheezing
- Ear itching & infections
- Itchy, watery eyes
- Paw chewing
- Itchy back or tail base
- Vomiting & diarrhea
- Hair loss, bald patches
- Skin issues including infection
- Chewing, licking of feet/pads
- Sneezing, coughing
- Wheezing
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**50%** of pet owners do not realize that if their pet has allergies, the conditions may be worse year after year if left untreated.

**COMMON ALLERGENS**

- **Flea bites** are the number one cause of allergic reactions in pets. The bite of just one flea is enough to send flea-allergic pets into fits of itching and scratching.

**TREATMENT**

Flea control program along with allergy testing through Spectrum Labs to determine any insect and possible insecticide culprits. From there monthly spot on medication that kills adult fleas and disrupts the life cycle of the parasite to prevent more fleas from hatching and maturing is advised.

- **Pollens, molds, dust mites, storage mites, dander and other environmental substances** that are inhaled or come in contact with the skin.

**TREATMENT**

After identification, initiation of allergen specific immunotherapy (shots or drops) is strongly recommended to decrease the need for using drugs like glucocorticoids. It is ideal to maintain treatment even outside of the offending season to keep the tolerance level high and symptoms low.

- **Ingredients in food** that initiate an allergic reaction when eaten. Food allergies not only cause itchy skin, but can also cause ongoing ear issues, vomiting and diarrhea.

**TREATMENT**

Allergy testing through Spectrum Labs can help identify what protein sources the immune system is reacting to and should be avoided. Over time food reactions can change to include new foods not previously exposed. Therefore it is best to find 2 non offending protein sources and rotate every 8-12 weeks.

For more information go to www.VetAllergy.com
STEPS IN PROPER ALLERGY MANAGEMENT

1. Introduction of Symptoms
2. Complete Dermatological Workup
3. Address Any Secondary Infections
4. Allergy Test w/ Spectrum
5. Allergy Treatment
6. Reduction/ Elimination of Symptoms

ALLERGENS AVAILABLE ARE REGIONALLY SPECIFIC

Go to www.VetAllergy.com/maps and click on your state to see what allergens are available as part of your region’s standard panel. Want to add something that isn’t listed? No problem. We have a database of over 250 different allergens you can add on at a nominal fee. Call us for details...

ALLERGY INJECTIONS
Allergy injections have been used in both human and veterinary medicine for decades with great success.

- Up to 20 allergens per set
- History of proven success
- Work up to once month injection
- 283 day schedule

ALLERGY DROPS
A great solution for pet parents who are needle averse or for patients that have had issues tolerating the injections in the past. Proper and consistent administration are the key to achieving success with allergy drops.

- Up to 20 allergens per set
- Simple administration (between cheek & gums)
- Given daily*
- Schedule length depends on patient’s weight (under 22 lbs = 2 pumps, over 22 lbs = 3 pumps)

* no food/drink 10 min before/after