ALLERGIES IN HORSES

Many horses 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.

COMMON ALLERGENS

Biting Insects are the number one cause of allergic reactions in horses. Horses can have an allergic reaction to any biting insects but the most common are: culicoides, black fly, stable fly, horse fly and mosquito.

Allergies to environmental triggers such as pollens, molds, insects, storage and dust mites that are best addressed by early identification.

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 feed/hay can also initiate an allergic reaction when eaten. Food allergies not only cause itchy skin, as well as 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. Be advised, 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
ALLERGENS AVAILABLE ARE REGIONALLY SPECIFIC

Go to [www.VetAllergy.com/maps](http://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...

2 TREATMENT OPTIONS TO CHOOSE FROM...

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