

Dermatitis

Dermatitis can be tricky to control and one of the things most helpful to us is a good history so filling this out bringing it in with your pet at your appointment time will help us to get things under control more quickly

(Some questions may not be applicable to cats or non itchy cases but fill in as much as you can – a good history is very important in skin cases and filling in this form will increase our efficiency at helping sort out the best treatment path for your pet sooner)

Animal name: _____ Age: _____ Breed: _____

Age of onset: At what age did the problem begin?

Is it itchy or not? (Cats show itchiness through over grooming and possibly hair loss /scab formation whereas dogs scratch or chew obviously)

Seasonality: What time of year did the symptoms begin?

Are symptoms present all year round?

Is there any time of year that symptoms disappear without needing treatment?

Initial symptoms

What did you see initially (whereabouts on the body and what did it look like to you)?

Did an itch or over grooming precede any visible signs of skin disease or did you notice hair loss and sores etc prior to the itch?

Progression of symptoms

Has it always been the same areas affected or have the areas changed or spread?

Have the ears been involved (flap only or infections of the ear canals)?

Environment

Where do you walk? _____ On leash or off leash?

What is your yard like? (garden beds, any presence of Wandering Jew even in small quantities).

Where does your pet spend their time, indoor versus outdoors?

What is their bedding? _____ Are there any other pets at home?

Do they have skin disease? _____ Do any family members have skin disease?

What do you feed? (include everything including treats)

Has a special skin diet trial been performed? Which diet was tried ?

If so, for how long was the diet the sole diet (no treats even) and what was the response?

Does the itch improve when your pet is put on antibiotics when they are given alone?

Does the itch respond to glucocorticoids (prednisone or other steroids)?

Is this a complete or partial response?

What dose and frequency is required?

What relapse time when glucocorticoids are finished?

Do ALL the symptoms resolve or are there skin changes evident while on glucocorticoids?

What flea control has been used in the past and did this reduce the itch?

When did you last see fleas or flea faeces on your pet or other pets in the household ?

Current treatment

What are you currently doing (shampoos, flea control, pills)?

Other medical conditions

Has your pet had any other medical problems?