



Vet Practice: Swayne and Partners, Newmarket
Veterinary Surgeon: K. MacGregor

Name: Bella Rosa Cullen (Belle)
Breed: Border Collie
Sex: Female
Original Complaint: Itchy feet and face, coughing and sneezing, runny eyes, vomiting, diarrhoea and colitis.

THE ALLERGY DETECTIVE CASE FILES

BELLA ROSA CULLEN

HISTORY

Border collie Belle developed an itchy face and feet at 6 months old. Her owner Tracy also noticed she would cough and sneeze and have a runny nose and eyes following her walks.

Belle also began suffering from bouts of vomiting, diarrhoea and colitis and her coat became dull and dry.

Belle's vet sent a blood sample to Avacta Animal Health for a **SENSITEST®** Complete Allergy Test.



ACTION

Several different strategies were used to reduce the load on Belle's immune system. Firstly her diet was changed to a hypoallergenic diet avoiding any positive food results from the test.

To avoid storage mites Tracy buys Belle's dry food in smaller bags to stop it being stored open for a long period of time. The food is also frozen to kill the storage mites. To reduce house dust mites Tracy regularly sprays her house with an anti-dust mite spray. Tracy always makes sure she wipes Belle's face and legs after her walks.

In addition Belle is also receiving immunotherapy vaccinations. These bespoke vaccinations are formulated from environmental allergens that Belle tested positive for and work by desensitising her immune system.

RESULT

Belle is now a happy and healthy Border Collie with a thick and shiny coat. She can run around in the paddocks of the stud farm where she lives without the grasses irritating her skin.

Now Belle only develops diarrhoea if she accidentally eats something that she shouldn't.

Tracy describes how she has seen a big change in Belle since the test:

"I didn't realise how much the problem had affected Belle until she was well again."



**CASE CLOSED
SUCCESS**

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CASE NOTES



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Sex: Female

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Test: SENSITEST® Complete Allergy Test.

Positive Test Results

Food Allergens

Beef, Pork, Lamb, Duck, Wheat, Cows' Milk.

Environmental Allergens

Cocksfoot, Meadow Fescue, Fat Hen, Mugwort, Ragweed, Storage Mites, House Dust Mites

Action: Several different strategies were used to reduce the load on Belle's immune system. Firstly her diet was changed to a hypoallergenic diet avoiding any positive results from the test. Her treats were also changed to ones containing only turkey and rice.

To avoid storage mites Tracey buys Belle's dry food in smaller bags to stop it being stored open for a long period of time. The food is also frozen to kill the storage mites. To reduce house dust mites Tracey regularly sprays her house with an anti-dust mite spray.

In addition Belle is also receiving immunotherapy vaccinations. These bespoke vaccinations are formulated from environmental allergens that Belle tested positive for and work by desensitising her immune system. After an initial build-up protocol Belle now receives monthly "allergy shots."

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