



Vet Practice: *Swayne and Partners, Suffolk*
Veterinary Surgeon: *Duncan Hole*

Name: *Benji Williams*
Breed: *Golden Retriever*
Sex: *Male*
Original Complaint: *Generalised Pruritus*

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BENJI WILLIAMS

HISTORY

Benji was six years old when he first developed itchy and irritated skin. He began to scratch himself quite badly and lost a lot of his beautiful golden coat. He also struggled to sleep as his skin was so painful.

He was presented to his vet Duncan Hole with generalised and widespread pruritus. Histology indicated eosinophilic dermatitis. A blood sample was then sent to Avacta Animal Health for a SENSITEST® Allergy Test.



ACTION

Benji's vet prescribed him a course of immunotherapy vaccines (desensitisation vaccines) as a result of his environmental test.

The allergens included in his immunotherapy vaccine were carefully selected by his vet taking into account the test results and considering which grasses, weeds and trees Benji was exposed to on a regular basis.

These vaccines are a dilute allergen and work by desensitising the animal's immune system to the offending allergen. The course of injections starts with several injections over the course of the first few weeks but this is then reduced to monthly "allergy shots" which Benji comes into the vets for.

RESULT

Benji's symptoms started to improve almost immediately after starting his immunotherapy and within 8 months there was a total resolution.

Benji is now much happier and his owner Lyn describes how the vaccine had a really positive result as Benji can sleep (one of his favourite activities!) properly.

"Diagnosing and treating the specific underlying cause of Benji's skin problem has been completely successful. It has restored Benji to his happy, healthy self for which we are all very grateful."

Duncan Hole Swayne and Partners

