



Vet Practice: Tay Valley Vets, Perth
Vet Surgeon: Sue Finlay

Name: Corrie Wilkinson
Breed: West Highland White Terrier
Sex: Male
Original Complaint: Otitis Externa

THE ALLERGY DETECTIVE CASE FILES

CORRIE WILKINSON

HISTORY

Corrie was first presented to his vet, Sue Finlay with otitis externa. Subsequent treatment did not fully resolve the problem and Corrie also developed sore, red skin on his stomach and anus as well as very sore feet causing him to repeatedly lick and chew his feet. A blood sample was sent for a SENSITEST® Environmental Allergy test.

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Glenda, Corrie's owner



ACTION

Following the allergy test results Corrie was prescribed immunotherapy (desensitisation vaccines) against the highest scoring allergens on his test. His owner was also advised to vacuum regularly and wash Corrie's bedding at 60°C to reduce levels of House Dust Mites.

RESULT

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**CASE CLOSED
SUCCESS**

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MEGAN MELLOWS

CASE NOTES



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History: Corrie was first seen by his vet Sue Finlay with Otitis Externa due to Malassezia and Pasturella. Treatment with clotrimazole ear drops did not resolve the problem and by his next visit he not only had ear inflammation but erythema of the groin. Treatment with antibiotics and malaseb for 3 weeks resulted in an improvement in Corrie's condition. Unfortunately 3 months later his skin problems returned; at this stage he now had erythema of the feet, ventral area and anal area. A 3 week course of antibiotics followed by a diet change onto a hypoallergenic diet for 8 weeks did not improve his condition and his vet assessed his pruritus level as 7/10. At this stage a blood sample was sent for a SENSITEST Environmental Allergy Test.

Test: SENSITEST® Environmental Allergy Test.

Positive Test Results

Environmental Allergens

Meadow Grass, Meadow Fescue, Red Top, Sweet Vernal, Timothy, Fat Hen, Nettle, Plantain, Oak.

Indoor Allergens

Storage mites, House dust mites, Moulds (Aspergillus mix, Alternaria alternate, Penicillium mix).

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His owner Glenda reports:

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Now we are not regular visitors to Sue. The flare ups of his skin are very seldom now. The itching and scratching has decreased immensely. When he is due for his allergy shots we notice the itching and scratching starts up slightly and disappears after he has had his shots. We are so please Sue advised us with this treatment because we have a contented Westie now and not one driven mad by the itching and scratching."