



Veterinary Surgeon: Helen Priest
Veterinary Practice: P.A. Stewart & Associates, Dudley

Name: Dippie Marlow
Breed: DSH
Sex: Female
Original Complaint: Otitis, Pruritus of the face and neck.

THE ALLERGY DETECTIVE CASE FILES

DIPPIE MARLOW

HISTORY

Dippie's owners took her to E. Stewart and Associates Veterinary Surgery after she developed itchy and scratchy skin; she had pruritic ears, face and neck and was repeatedly scratching herself making it worse.

Her owners describe how miserable Dippie was: "When her condition was at its worse, she would sit all day scratching and licking her wounds. She didn't want to play or be fussed with."

Following work up her vet sent a blood sample to Avacta Animal Health for a **SENSITEST**[®] Complete Allergy Test.



Dippie before her treatment with pruritus of the face and neck.

ACTION

As a result of her allergy test Dippie's diet was changed to a hypoallergenic diet that avoided the positive food allergens. However, Dippie's skin did not recover fully as a result of the diet change.

Her vet then prescribed a course of immunotherapy vaccines for Dippie. These desensitisation vaccines involve injecting a dilute solution of the offending allergen on a regular basis to desensitise the immune system. Dippie's immunotherapy vaccine was specially formulated for her with house dust mite allergens and grass, weed and tree allergens that she tested positive for that were present in her local environment.



RESULT

Within 6 months of starting immunotherapy Dippie's skin had improved considerably and now her sores have healed and her fur has grown back.

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Dippie's Vet Helen Priest



**CASE CLOSED
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CASE NOTES



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Veterinary Surgeon: Helen Priest, P.A. Stewart & Associates, Dudley

History: Dippie was first presented to vet Helen Priest in May 2007 with otitis and facial pruritus. Initial treatment included antibiotics, steroids and parasite control but symptoms persisted.

Test: SENSITEST® Complete Allergy Test.

Positive Test Results

Food Allergens: Duck, Rabbit, Salmon, Wheat, Soybean, Rice, Corn, Milk

Environmental Allergens: Red Top, Timothy, Beech, Hazel, Hawthorn, Oak, Privet, Scots Pine

Indoor Allergens: House Dust Mites

Diet Change: Dippie's diet was changed to a commercially available hypoallergenic diet as a result of her test results. However the diet change alone did not cause sufficient attenuation of her symptoms.

Action: Dippie was then prescribed a course of immunotherapy vaccinations. These desensitisation vaccines involve injecting a dilute solution of the offending allergen on a regular basis to desensitise the immune system. Dippie's immunotherapy vaccine was specially formulated for her with house dust mite allergens and grass, weed and tree allergens that she tested positive for that were present in her local environment. At first Dippie needed injections every few weeks but now she has a monthly "allergy shot."

Result: At first Dippie's condition worsened when she started the immunotherapy vaccines but she was prescribed steroids and medicated shampoo which were then gradually withdrawn. Now Dippie just receives her monthly immunotherapy vaccine and her condition is vastly improved.

Current condition: "The sores on her skin have healed and her fur has grown back. When her condition was at it's worse, she would sit all day scratching and licking her wounds. She didn't want to play or be fussed with. Now she loves playing outside, sometimes we can't get her back in! We always know when she's really happy when we can hear her faint purr."

Dippie's Owners Katherine and Richard Marlow.

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Dippie's Vet, Helen Priest