



Vet Practice: Grace Lane Veterinary Surgery
Name: Finn Hirst
Breed: Labrador
Sex: Male **Age:** 1 year
Original Complaint: Pruritus, self-trauma, otitis externa



HISTORY:
 Finn has had a history of pruritus, self-trauma and otitis externa. He had previously been treated at a neighbouring vet practice with ear drops, M47 shampoo and steroid tablets, with no reduction in symptoms. On physical examination, Finn had scurf and patchy alopecia on his legs and some papules on his dorsum. Tape strips were completed but were negative for lice, mites and fleas. Finn's symptoms were first suspected as malassezia or superficial pyoderma and so they tried using maleseb shampoo and cephalexin. Due to the poor response to this treatment, a skin biopsy was conducted and blood was taken for a **SENSITEST** allergy test.

ACTION:
 The skin biopsy resulted in non-specific dermatitis, with his **SENSITEST** allergy environmental results showing raised antibodies to storage and house dust mites and the food results showing scores on soybean, venison, beef, pork, lamb, chicken and white fish. Utilising the results sheets, the vet advised Finn's owners to commence a dietary trial and to take precautions for the dust mites by freezing food into portions. Finn also started allergen-specific immunotherapy injections for storage and house dust mites.

SENSITEST Results June 2015	
Food	IgG
Beef	1
Pork	2
Lamb	2
Chicken	1
White Fish	2
Food	IgE
Venison	1
Soybean	2
Environmental	
Storage mites	2
House Dust Mites	4



Above: Finn with his pruritic stomach

RESULTS:
 Although Finn only started on the allergen-specific immunotherapy recently, Finn's owners are very happy with the results so far! Finn changed from a diet of chicken and rice to duck and rice and it has had an immediate effect! Finn is much calmer and relaxed and his pruritus has reduced; his coat quality is much healthier! The owners and vet alike are very pleased with the excellent initial results.

"**SENSITEST** has quickly allowed me to identify the root cause of my patients skin condition and treat the underlying cause, rather than just managing the resulting symptoms. The owner can understand what is going on with regards to the treatment process and see the results in their pet."
 - John Whitwell, Finn's Vet

