

**Vet Practice: Clarendon House Veterinary Centre**

**Name:** Josie Smith  
**Breed:** Hungarian Vizsla  
**Sex:** Female **Age:** 5 yrs  
**Original Complaint:** Thinned hair around the neck, pustules and pruritus

**HISTORY:**

Josie was presented to Jessica at Clarendon House in July 2010 with thinned hair around the neck, pustules and pruritus. Initially treated with Piriton and Malaseb, this presented no resolution. Medrone and Rilexine improved the pustules but the pruritus still remained. A **SENSITEST** allergy test was conducted in January 2011 for food, environmental and malassezia with negative dermatophyte culture obtained on hair plucks. An exclusion diet commenced based on the **SENSITEST** results and Piriton was maintained but interdigital vesicles still occurred with nodules on her pinna intermittently too. In August 2012 a swab for culture and sensitivity was performed from a vesicle interdigitally which identified Staph Pseudintermedius. Fungal culture from hair plucks was again negative. A **SENSITEST** was conducted for Staphylococcus and Malassezia.

SENSITEST RESULTS		
January 2011		
	IgE	IgG
Beef	+3	+4
Lamb		+3
Duck		+1
Rice		+1
Corn/Maize		+1
Cow's Milk	+3	+3
August 2012		
Staphylococcus	+5	+4
Malassezia	+2	0

**ACTION:**

The raised antibodies detected by both IgE and IgG confirmed the presence of Staph Pseudintermedius. In October 2012 Josie was administered the Staph Phage Lysate (SPL) treatment supplied by Avacta Animal Health, along with Allermyl shampoo and Allerderm.



**RESPONSE:**

As the SPL treatment started to take effect, Josie was weaned off Allermyl and Allerderm. Malaseb was used intermittently as needed alongside the SPL. After receiving two of the full 1ml doses of the SPL treatment, Josie's symptoms had pretty much resolved including her pruritus. The owners were taught how to administer SPL themselves and have done so since November 2012.

"Dermatophyte cultures were performed twice during her work-up and were both negative. The change in Josie's coat, pinna and feet was amazing and has made her a much happier dog".— Jessica Harvey BVetMed, MRCVS

"Josie kept getting sores particularly on her paws, in between her pads and around her neck. These used to get very inflamed and get infected and she was constantly licking her feet and scratching at her neck. Once Josie was on the SPL treatment we noticed a great improvement in her condition particularly her feet which had been very troublesome and used to get very sore."— Rachel Smith, Josie's owner

