



Veterinary Surgeon: *David Grant*

Name: *Judy*

Breed: *Jack Russell Terrier*

Sex: *Female*

Original Complaint: *Pruritis*

THE ALLERGY DETECTIVE CASE FILES

JUDY THE JACK RUSSELL

HISTORY

Judy, a rescue dog, had only been with her new owners for a few weeks when they brought her to vet David Grant with pruritis on her axillae, hindlegs, eyes and ears.

A dermatological examination revealed marked periocular hyperpigmentation, right axilla lichenification, chronic otitis externa, mild pedal pyoderma, positive pinnal reflex and bacterial lesions on the ventral abdomen.



David Grant BVetMed MRCVS



ACTION

Initially David tested for mites, Malassezia and fleas. A positive result was returned for Malassezia and topical and systemic therapy commenced to treat this successfully.

Further treatments administered included antibiotics, medicated shampoo and selamectin. A six week food trial was also initiated feeding a hypoallergenic food (Hill's ultra light zd).

After 4 months Judy's condition had not significantly improved. She was placed on cyclosporine and a blood sample was sent to Avacta Animal Health for a **SENSITEST®** Environmental Allergy Test.

RESULT

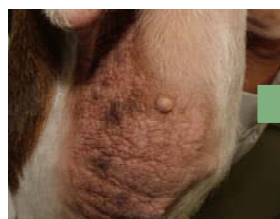
In July, 5 months after first visiting David, Judy's symptoms began to improve. The results of her Allergy Test indicate that the environmental allergens that may affect her are those that are seasonal, with levels peaking between February to September.

Looking forwards, if Judy relapses next year when her positive environmental allergens peak then David may consider immunotherapy (desensitisation vaccines).

Before



After



CASE PENDING