



**Vet Practice:** Beech House Vet Centre, Southampton  
**Veterinary Surgeon:** Kate Le Bars

**Name:** Toby Dog Finegan  
**Breed:** Labrador  
**Sex:** Male (neutered)  
**Original Complaint:** Otitis externa and generalised pruritus

## THE ALLERGY DETECTIVE CASE FILES

### TOBY FINEGAN

#### HISTORY

Chocolate Labrador Toby was presented to Beech House Vet Centre with chronic intermittent otitis externa and occasional generalised pruritus. He was also significantly overweight at 45.3kg. Having had a lateral wall resection on one ear, with limited success, Toby had a blood sample taken for allergy testing. The sample was sent to Avacta Animal Health for a SENSITEST® Complete Allergy Test.



SENSITEST® Positive Results

Food Allergens

Beef, Lamb, Soybean

Environmental Allergens

House Dust Mites

#### ACTION

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#### RESULT

Toby's skin has improved and the great news is that he no longer needs to have an operation on his other ear. Additionally, his weight has stabilised at a healthy 34kg, which has had a great effect on his ability to exercise and general quality of life.

His owner Clare describes:

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**CASE CLOSED  
SUCCESS**

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### CASE NOTES



**Name:** Toby Dog Finegan  
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**About Toby:** Toby is a 4 year old chocolate Labrador. His favourite treat is cheese and his favourite toy is his teddy bear! He is a very clever and friendly dog, he loves playing hide and seek with his dinner and going agility training. He also plays with his owner Clare's 2½ year old daughter. Clare describes him as a loveable dog who is a joy to be around.

**History:** Toby was presented to Beech House Vet Centre with chronic intermittent otitis externa and occasional generalised pruritis. He was also significantly overweight at 45.3kg and quite lethargic. He had a lateral wall resection on one ear which only had limited success.

**Test:** SENSITEST Complete Allergy Test.

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