

# **BRIDGEWATER VETERINARY HOSPITAL**

## **ALLERGIC SKIN DISEASE THERAPY**

Allergic Skin Disease Medication must be individualized to your particular pet's clinical signs and causes of the allergic reaction. For effective long-term control, follow this therapy plan. Be consistent!

- Scrub in Medicated Shampoo and leave on skin ten 10 to 15 minutes before rinsing. Repeat every \_\_\_\_\_ days. Scrub in well, remember it is a skin problem, not a hair problem! Always Use COOL Water to decrease itching.
- Apply dip or conditioner as directed. (Use COOL Water) ( ) Rinse Thoroughly ( ) Rinse Lightly ( ) Leave on.
- Apply FRONTLINE TOPSPOT™ ONCE Each Month For Safe and Effective Flea & Tick Control. For Best, Long acting results, Do NOT bathe for 48 hours before or after application
- Treat ALL other pets for fleas.
- Use the following flea and tick products: \_\_\_\_\_
- Spray LIGHTLY with prescribed Coat Moisturizer once daily, rub in well. Don't overuse.
- Give anti-inflammatory medications exactly as prescribed.
- Give oral antibiotics as prescribed for bacterial skin infection. Complete prescription.
- Recheck in \_\_\_\_\_ days.
- Treat House and Yard at least once each month for flea control. House must be treated every 7 to 14 days for \_\_\_\_\_ weeks if a severe flea problem exist.
- Observe the pet's stool for any sign of tapeworms, which are spread by fleas. Tapeworms pass short, white segments in the stool which look similar to rice.
- Give fatty acid / zinc supplement as directed.
- Lab results on thyroid function will be available in about 1 week. We will call you with the results when available.
- Fungal culture results usually take 10 to 14 days. We will call you with the results when available.
- A full Dermatology workup is recommended and may include: Biopsy, Histopathology, culture and Sensitivity, Skin Scrapings, or Allergy Testing.
- Notify the Hospital if your pet's condition recurs following treatment, if scratching continues for more than five (5) days, if skin appears infected, or your pet does not look healthy.
- Feed only HIGH QUALITY FOOD. PREMIUM foods will often solve the problem when food allergies are involved. Hypoallergenic prescription diets works well in many cases involving food allergy.
- Consider Allergy Testing for Recurrent Cases. Many cases can be helped significantly.
- Do NOT Apply Any Other Medications to the Skin without Checking with Us.

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