

West Lakeland Veterinary Group



CANINE ALLERGIC DERMATITIS



Owning a dog with a severe allergic itch problem can be upsetting and frustrating for the whole family, not to mention distressing for your beloved pet.

Depending on the cause of the allergy, some dogs are itchy all year round and some only itch at certain times of the year.

The good news is that innovative and effective therapies are available to ensure that neither the dog or family need suffer as a result.

You may be concerned that in the past you have been unable to resolve the problem, but with understanding of allergic conditions improving all the time, effective treatments and solutions are available.

What is an allergy?

Dogs, just like people, can show symptoms of allergy when their immune systems recognise certain everyday substances as foreign. Even though these substances are harmless to most animals, a dog with allergies will have an extreme reaction to them. The skin is one of the most common organs to show symptoms of allergy.

What are the skin symptoms of allergic skin disease?

- Red, itchy skin
- Increased scratching
- Chewing, especially around the base of the tail and paws
- Itchy ears and recurring ear infections
- Constant licking

Dogs with an allergic skin condition may also suffer from skin infections, which may cause hair loss, scabs or crusts on the skin.

Some common allergens

- Various types of pollen
- Fungal spores
- Tree bark
- Flea bites
- Allergens in food
- House dust mites
- Grasses

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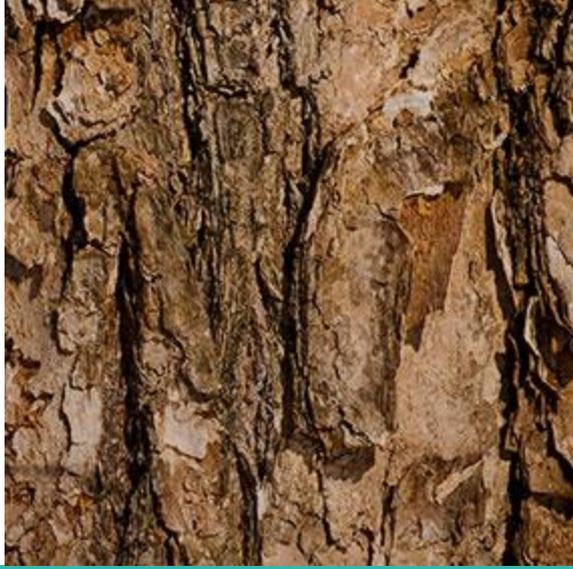
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