

Allergies in Pets

Spring has sprung, and for many of our pets, so have allergies!



How do you know if your pet has allergies?



Pet is scratching and chewing their skin.



Sore ears or red swollen paws.



Missing patches of hair or broken skin from scratching and chewing.

What can I do to help my pet?

Alongside visiting your vet, here are some simple ways you can reduce, or perhaps eliminate, your pet's allergies at home:

- 1 Inspect your pet's skin daily to look for any skin abnormalities such as redness, scabs, crusts, pimples and evidence of self-trauma.
- 2 Feed your dog a therapeutic hypoallergenic diet that is rich in essential fatty acids that is recommended by your veterinarian.
- 3 Use a damp cloth to wipe the paws, groin, and ear flaps after coming in from the outside to reduce the pollen load on the skin.
- 4 Ask your veterinarian about using oral supplements and topical treatments to restore your pet's normal skin barrier.
- 5 Use an air filter in your air conditioning and heating systems.
- 6 Keep your pets up to date on flea and tick treatments as recommended by your vet.
- 7 Bathe your pet frequently using a mild, hypoallergenic anti-itch shampoo and conditioner recommended by your vet to help remove allergens from the skin surface.
- 8 Vacuum regularly (*don't forget to go under beds and near windows*).

Work with your vet to help reduce your pet's symptoms and keep the itchiness under control.

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