

SENSITEST

THE COMPLETE
ALLERGY SERVICE



ALLERGIES
& YOUR PET

IMPROVE
YOUR PET'S
QUALITY
OF LIFE

INNOVATION IN
ANIMAL HEALTHCARE

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WHAT IS AN ALLERGY?

An allergy is a reaction of the immune system to a common substance known as an allergen. Allergens include; foods, pollens from trees, grasses and flowering plants, moulds, dust and storage mites, fleas, dander (dead skin) and many more.

Allergens can enter the body by inhalation, ingestion or even just skin contact. If your pet is repeatedly exposed to an allergen their immune system will react, often resulting in poor health.

Allergies can be immediate (classical) or occur within a few hours or days (delayed).

SYMPTOMS OF ALLERGY

- Skin problems – itching, scratching, face rubbing, paw chewing, persistent licking and over-grooming
- Ear problems – swelling, itching and soreness
- Gastrointestinal problems – diarrhoea, vomiting, loss of appetite, weight problems
- Hair loss
- Low stamina and energy levels
- Behavioural problems



IDENTIFICATION

There are a number of potential causes for your pet's behaviour, and your vet will conduct a thorough work-up to identify these.

As part of this work-up, your vet may suggest carrying out a **SENSITEST®** allergy test. **SENSITEST®** are the only allergy tests that are manufactured in the UK. Your vet simply has to take a small sample of blood and send it to us. There is no need for sedation, shaving and skin prick testing, so there is minimal discomfort to your animal.

The cost of your test and any treatment may be covered by your pet insurance. Please check with your vet and insurance company for details.

The **SENSITEST®** allergy tests identify the level of antibodies in the blood that may correspond to the clinical signs of allergy. These results pinpoint the potential offending allergens and the level of reaction – a class score on a scale of 0-5. There are a range of tests available, and your veterinary surgeon will help determine which are the most appropriate.

Identifying the problem and knowing how to overcome the symptoms can considerably improve your pet's quality of life.

TREATMENTS

The results of a **SENSITEST®** allergy test will provide useful information for you and your vet in deciding the most suitable course of action.

If foods are identified as a contributing factor, your vet will recommend a new diet which avoids problem food(s).

If environmental allergens are identified as the potential cause, then avoiding these completely may prove more challenging. Following our test results, we provide useful fact sheets to help avoid problem allergens. One of the most popular and effective treatments for environmental allergens is allergen-specific immunotherapy, which targets the root cause of the allergy and provides long term relief from the symptoms.

For more information on **SENSITEST®** and how it can benefit your pet, visit [animal-allergy.com](https://www.animal-allergy.com)

THE DIFFERENCE SENSITEST® CAN MAKE...

“I’m delighted with the results, it is nice to know what my dog is allergic to. I can stop guessing what foods she can tolerate.”

“Life would have been very different without this test. It would have been a constant battle, in and out of vets and on long term medication instead of enjoying life.”

“Thanks to SENSITEST my dog is back to his cheerful, happy self. He no longer constantly scratches or chews his paws whilst hiding upstairs crying in pain. It is great to see him happy again.”

To read more **SENSITEST®** success stories, visit animal-allergy.com

SEROLOGICAL ALLERGY TESTS

The **SENSITEST**[®] cat and dog panels test for these allergens using a small sample of blood:

CANINE & FELINE TESTS

Food Allergy test

Beef
Lamb
Duck
Chicken
Turkey
Pork
Rabbit
Salmon
Tuna ***Ⓕ**
White fish mix (Cod, Haddock)
Whole egg
Cows' milk
Soybean
Wheat
Rice
Corn (maize)
Oats ***Ⓒ**
Barley ***Ⓒ**
Potato ***Ⓒ**
Venison ***Ⓒ**

Indoor Allergens

Storage Mites

Acarus siro
Glycophagus destructor

House Dust Mites

Dermatophagoides farinae
Dermatophagoides pteronyssinus

Dander

Cat epithelia ***Ⓒ**
Human dander

Moulds

Alternaria mix
(alternata, tenuis)
Aspergillus mix
(amsteldami, flavus, fumigatus, nidulans, niger)
Penicillium mix
(camembertii, chrysogenum, digitatum, notatum, roquefortii)

Outdoor Allergens

Grasses

Meadow Grass
Cocksfoot/Orchard Grass
Meadow Fescue
Red top, bent grass
Rye, perennial
Sweet vernal
Timothy

Weeds

Daisy (Ox eye)
Dandelion
Dock, yellow
Lamb's quarters (fat hen)
Mugwort
Nettle
Plantain
Ragweed
Red Clover

Trees & Shrubs

Alder
Ash (white)
Beech
Birch (white)
Hazel
Horse Chestnut
Oak (Red, Common)
Privet
Scots Pine
Willow

Insects

Fleas

***Ⓒ** Canine only

***Ⓕ** Feline only

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AT **ANIMAL-ALLERGY.COM**

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