

CANINE ALLERGY TESTING FAQ

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3 months minimum age. No upper age limit. For food tests the dog should have been exposed to a complete diet and not be on a restricted diet at the time of sampling.

Medication

Antihistamines do not affect antibody production; hence do not interfere with the test. Steroids suppress antibody production hence they may show a lower Class Score or negative test results. Our research shows no effect from short acting oral steroids e.g. prednisolone on every other day dose. For more information on withdrawal of medications prior to allergy testing please visit our website.

Results

Results will be issued within 7-10 working days from receipt of sample. An advance copy of the results will be emailed/faxed, and the master copy of the results together with the SENSITEST® pet owners results pack will be mailed direct to the practice.

Allergen-specific immunotherapy

Therapies can be ordered via Avacta Animal Health. We provide assistance with allergen selection and the VMD Special Import and Treatment Certificates. Delivery is direct to the practice within 10 working days.

Cyno-DIAL

A unique test that assists in the selection of a veterinary prescribed diet for an elimination dietary trial. Turnaround time is 15 days from receipt of sample. Please call our Customer Services team for more information.

APPROACH TO CANINE ALLERGY

CHRONIC GASTROINTESTINAL SIGNS

Diarrhoea and/or vomiting, tenesmus, borborygmi

Routine faecal
And additional tests if indicated



Treat as appropriate
Partial or no response



SENSITEST®
Food Test
IgE and IgG

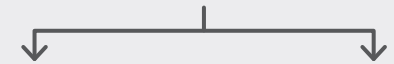
CHRONIC DERMATOLOGICAL SIGNS

Compatible with atopic dermatitis or adverse food reaction pruritus and erythema; recurrent staphylococcal pyoderma; recurrent otitis externa, alopecia etc

Assess for parasitic disease – coat brushings, skin scrapings, hair pluckings,
SENSITEST® Sarcoptes Test



Treat as appropriate
Partial, no response or relapse



Assess for staphylococcal pyoderma or overgrowth cytology
SENSITEST® Staphylococcus test

Assess for malassezia overgrowth cytology and/or
SENSITEST® Malassezia test



Treat as appropriate
For staphylococcus consider antibiotics, antibacterial shampoo and the staphylococcus phage lysate therapy from Avacta Animal Health.
Partial, no response or relapse



If perennial disease
SENSITEST® Complete Test
Food & Environmental
IgE and IgG

If seasonal disease
SENSITEST®
Environmental Test IgE



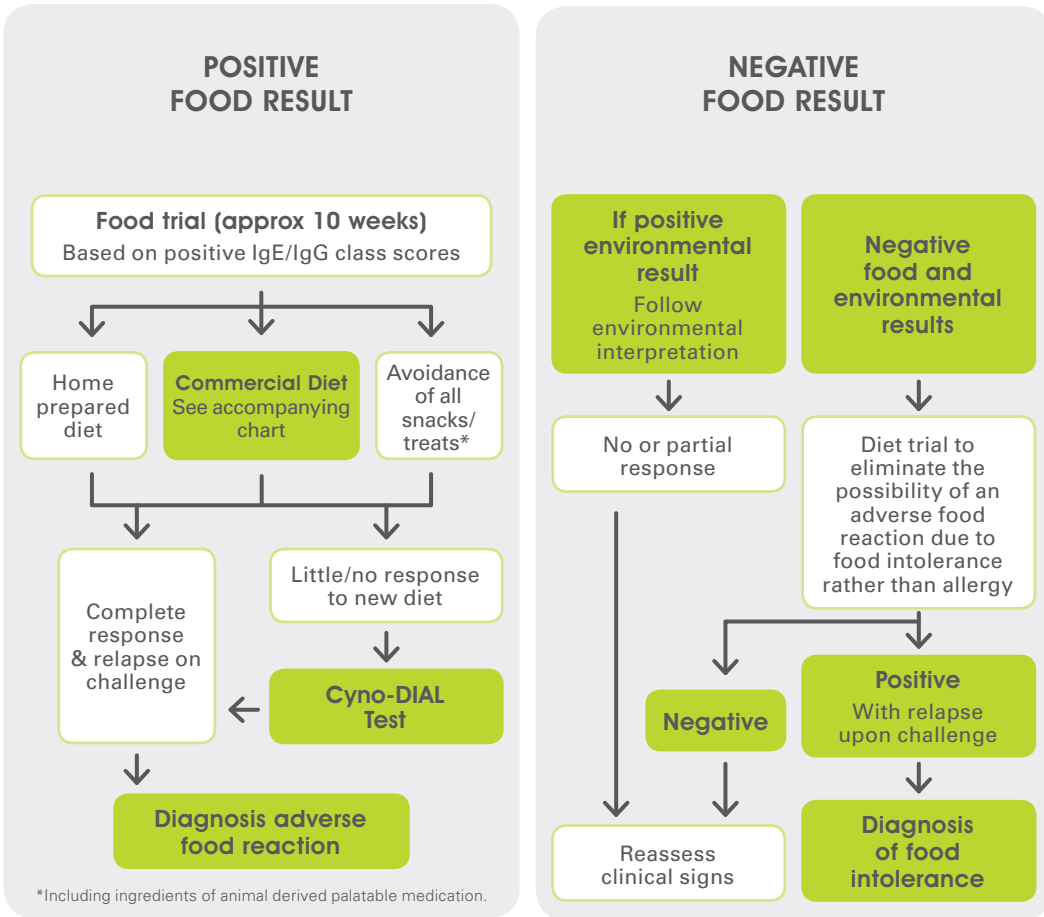


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CANINE FOOD TEST RESULTS INTERPRETATION

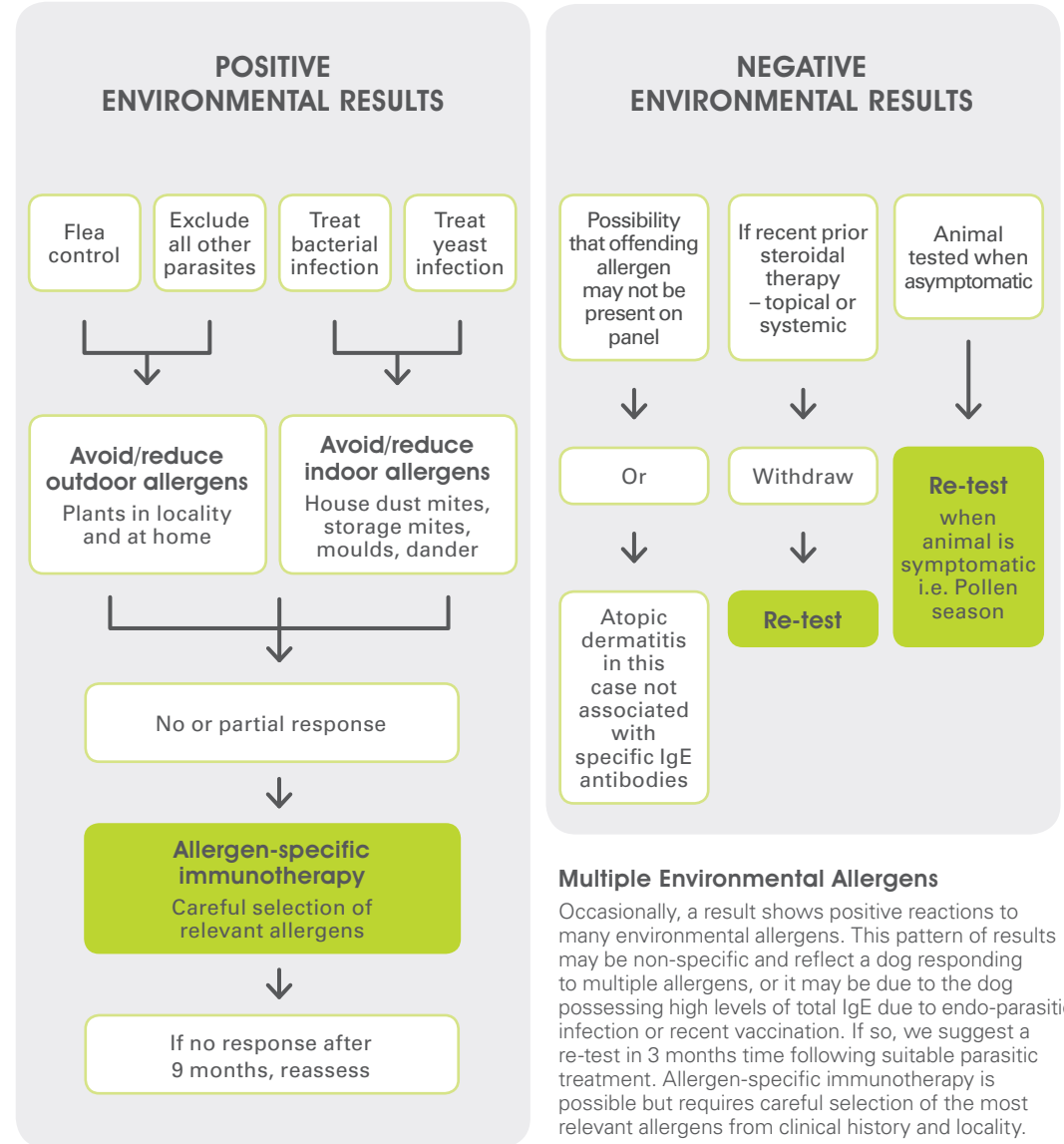


Multiple Food Allergens

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The dietary trial requires careful selection of the most relevant food allergens that the dog has previously been fed. Commercial hydrolysed/novel protein & carbohydrate diets may be particularly useful in these cases. Further information about home prepared diets is available from avactaanimalhealth.com

CANINE ENVIRONMENTAL TEST RESULTS INTERPRETATION



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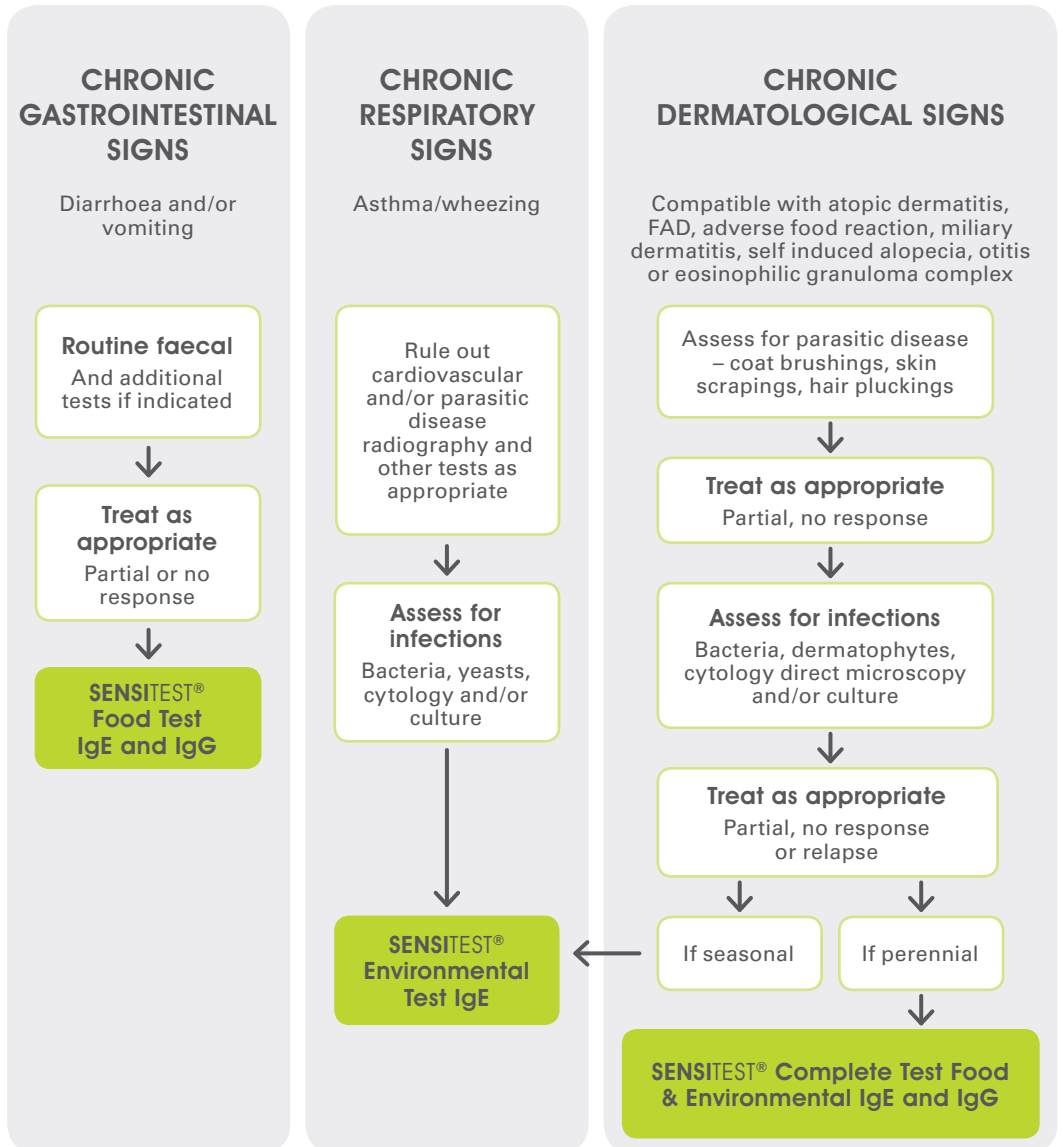
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Feli-DIAL

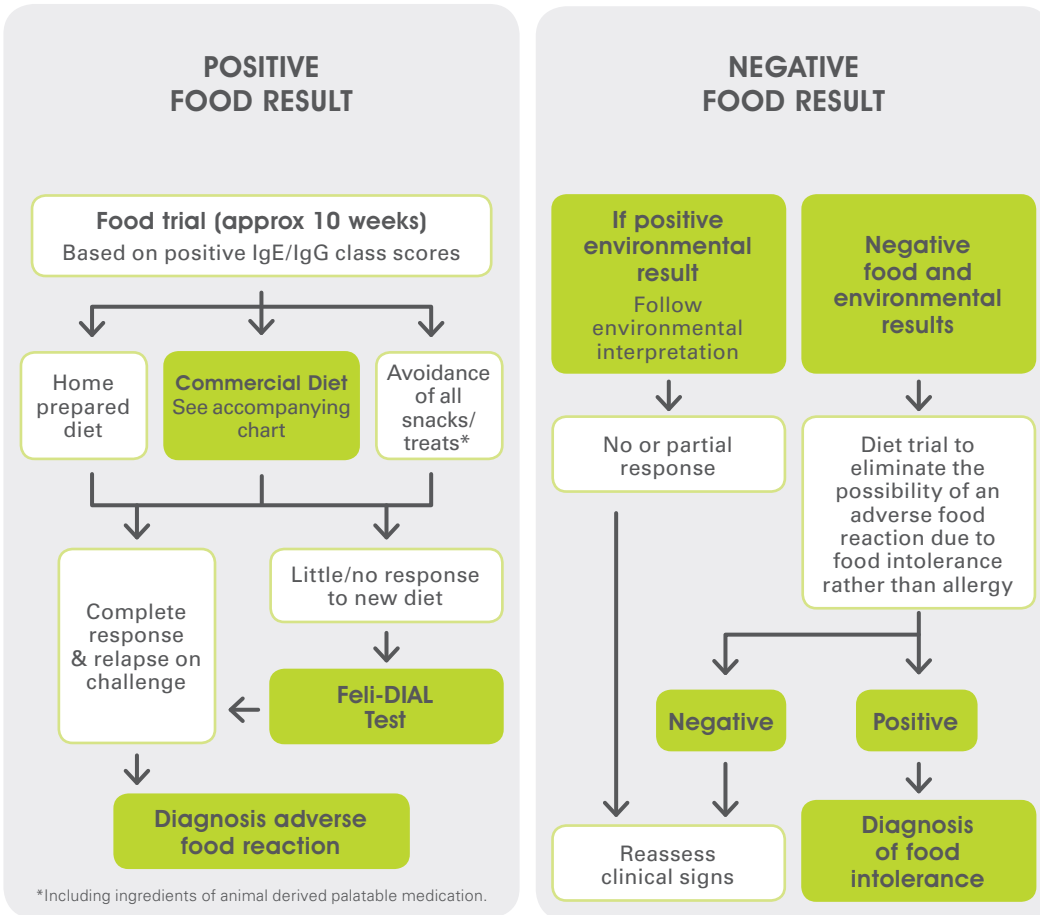
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APPROACH TO FELINE ALLERGY



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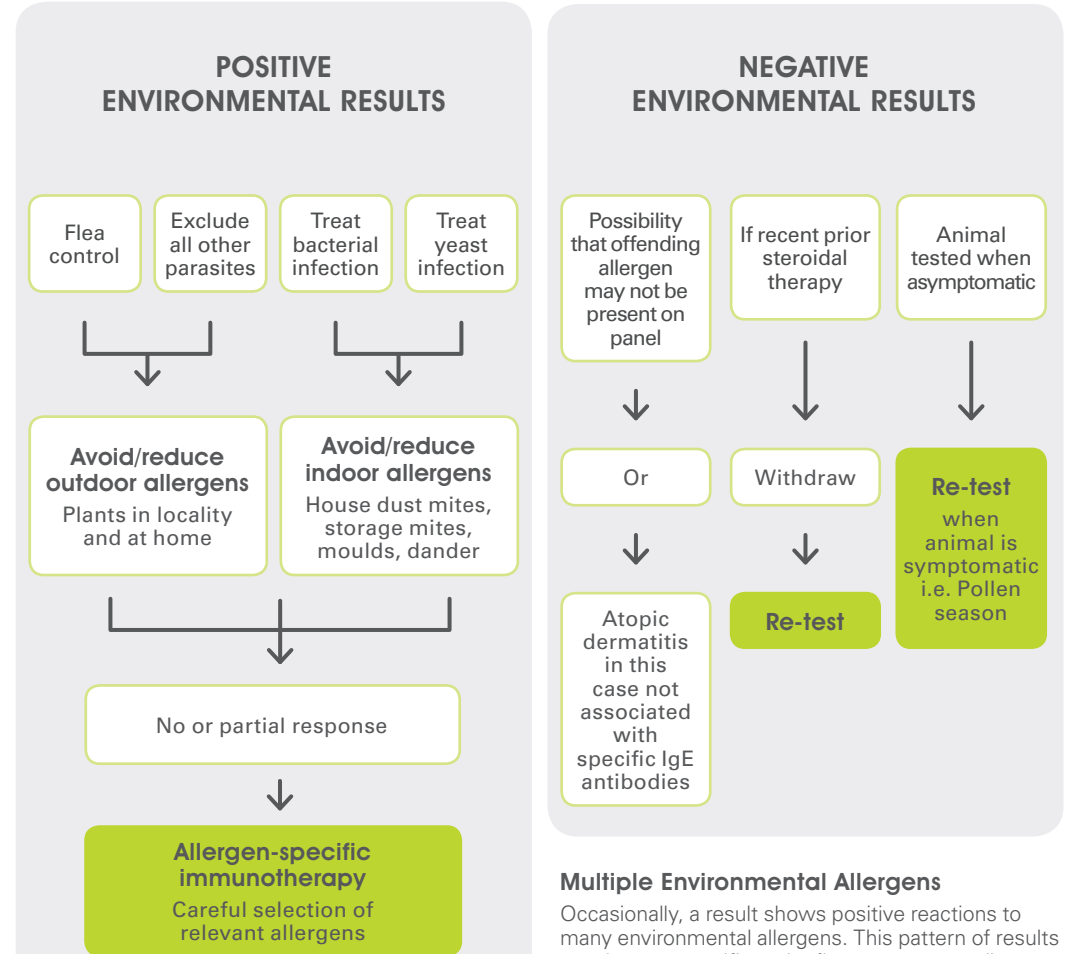


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