

Vet Practice: **Wyre Forest Veterinary Centre**

Name: *Jasper*

Breed: *Crossbreed*

Sex: *Male*      Age: *3 yrs, 1 month*

Original Complaint: *Pruritus, causing erythema & superficial pyoderma (itchy paws & abdomen.)*

**HISTORY:**

Jasper, a 3 year old crossbreed, had suffered with generalised pruritus since he was a puppy, causing erythema and superficial pyoderma, especially of his paws and ventral abdomen; all exacerbated by his short legs and love of walks in long grass.

Symptoms responded well to prednisolone, but both vet and owner were reluctant to continue this as a long term treatment due to his young age and potential side effects.

**BEFORE**

Jasper chewing his paws in his bed before he was diagnosed



**SENSITEST RESULTS**  
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Environmental	IgE	IgG
Indoor/Outdoor	0	0
Food	IgE	IgG
Beef	0	3
Lamb	0	2
Venison	0	2
Cow's Milk	0	2

**ACTION:**

A **SENSITEST** Food and Environmental allergy test was taken, which came back showing raised IgG levels against beef, lamb, venison and cow's milk.

When the results were discussed with the owners, they were keen to manage the diet themselves initially before trying hydrolysed or novel protein products.

Jasper's owner, added, "Once we found out what types of allergies Jasper had, we analysed all ingredients in his food. Shockingly enough most of his food and treats contained large amounts of beef, lamb and cow's milk. We immediately replaced his food with a mostly fish based hypoallergenic diet and also identified high quality treats free of these allergens."

**AFTER**

Jasper happy and back on his adventures!



**RESPONSE:**

Jasper responded well when his owners cut out the identified food allergens from his diet. His symptoms began to disappear and he was gradually getting less and less itchy. His red raw skin started to heal and his fur started to grow back in places where he chewed it off because of the constant itching. He did not require a hydrolysed diet or further medication.

**SENSITEST**

"By identifying specific food allergens and ruling out environmental factors, **SENSITEST** has spared Jasper from a lifetime of either pruritus or continual medication, and spared his owners a lot of expense in the long run. This has made for a very satisfying case to treat from taking 4ml of blood! - Sian Yarwood- Smith, Veterinary Surgeon, Wyre Forest Vets

"Thanks to **SENSITEST** Jasper is back to his cheerful, happy self, ready to take on his many adventures. He no longer constantly scratches or chews on his paws whilst hiding upstairs, crying in pain. It is great to see him happy again." - Jasper's owner