

SENSITEST

# A PAW Success Story



**Vet practice:** Blairgowrie Veterinary Surgeons  
**Name:** Harvey MacKay  
**Breed:** Labrador  
**Sex:** M/N **Age:** 5 Years  
**Original Complaint:** Otitis externa, mild dermatitis with pruritus.

"[Harvey] often seemed to be quite detached from everything else that was going on. He then started to shake his head, this gradually built up and became more and more severe."

- Margot, Harvey's Owner

## HISTORY:

From January 2016 Harvey had repeated bouts of otitis externa, he had a very persistent discharge in his ears and ulcerations in the ear canals. Harvey also occasionally had mild dermatitis with pruritus so vet Gillian suspected an allergy may be involved.

## ACTION:

A blood sample was collected from Harvey for allergy testing and sent to Avacta Animal Health during their Pet Allergy Week (PAW) campaign.

After discovering his positive results for Malassezia, Staphylococcus, indoor allergens and various food stuffs Gillian started to look at allergen-specific immunotherapy (ASIT). Although Prednisolone treatment did help to control the inflammation in Harvey's ears they didn't want him to be on the steroids long term, therefore Harvey started on immunotherapy and his diet was adjusted to exclude all foods he had a positive reading for.

The immunotherapy vial contains *Acarus siro*, *Derm. farinae* and Malassezia and after the first few injections they started to wean him off Prednisolone in September 2016.

## RESULTS:

Harvey has responded "extremely well" and is now being maintained solely on ASIT and his new diet.

"his ears have been very much better, he has been generally less itchy and has been a much happier dog"

- Gillian Clark, Veterinary Surgeon



"An allergy vaccine was produced for Harvey and within only a few weeks the difference in him was amazing. He was more sociable, he was cuddlier, he wanted to play and generally just so much happier. **It was just fantastic to see.**"

- Margot, Harvey's Owner

## SENSITEST® results

JUNE 2016

### ENVIRONMENTAL (IgE)

Acarus siro	1
Derm. farinae	3

### SECONDARY INFECTION

Malassezia	
IgE	1
IgG	3
Staphylococcus	
IgE	1
IgG	3

### FOOD (only IgG results)

Beef	2
Pork	3
Lamb	1
Corn	1