



Client Information: Your Pet and Skin Testing

Intradermal or skin testing is a delicate procedure. It is very important that you adhere strictly to the following guidelines:

1. Female animals cannot be skin tested if in estrus/season/heat, pregnant or in false pregnancy.
2. Your pet's chest will be shaved. Please plan accordingly if your pet is to participate in a show.
3. If your pet's allergy is seasonal, which means it is strictly limited to or worsens during spring, summer or fall, it is best you schedule your appointment in late summer, or fall (from August to November).
4. Bring your pet fasted. Since sedation is most often required, we ask you not to feed your pet at least 8 hours prior to your scheduled appointment. Drinking water is allowed.
5. You must respect the minimum drug withdrawal time (WT) for certain medications.

Please call us if you have any questions regarding this important guideline. Use of any of the drugs in the table may invalidate the allergy testing!

Drug type	Example	WT
Long acting injectable steroids	Methylprednisolone acetate (Depo-Medrol), medroxyprogesterone acetate (Depo-Provera)	90 days
Other steroids (injectable, oral, topical including ear and eye medications)	Prednisone(Apo, Novo Prednisone), prednisolone (Uni-Pred, Vanectyl-P, Surolan drops, Canaural ear drops), methylprednisolone (Depo-Medrol, Solu-Medrol, Medrol, Uni-Med, Vetacortyl), megestrol acetate (Ovaban Tab, Megace), dexamethasone (Dextab, Uni-Dex, Tresaderm), betamethasone (Gentocin spray, Topagen spray, Fuciderm gel, Gentocin otic, Otomax ointment), fluocinolone (Synotic otic), hydrocortisone (Cerex ear lotion, Cortisoothe shampoo, Dermacool HC, Epi-Otic HC, Stearotic lotion, Sterodex cream, Sterodex lotion, Mites out otic)	30 days
Antihistamines (including some tranquilizer medications)	Amitriptyline, diphenhydramine (Aller-Aide, Allerdryl, Benadryl), hydroxyzine (Apo or Novo or PMS or Nu-Hydroxyzine, Atarax), chlorpheniramine (Chlor-tripolon, Novo-Pheniram), clemastine (Tavist), clomipramine (Clomicalm tablets), acepromazine (Ace powder, Acepro, Acevet, Atravet)	10 days
Fatty acids supplements (evening primrose oil, fish oil)	Dermcaps Gelcaps/liquid, EFA Caps, Efavite Caps, Omega Fend, Vet Solutions Omega 3 Caps/liquid, Vetform Omega 3, Vetri Science Canine Plus	10 days

6. The following medications do not need to be discontinued:

Non-steroidal inflammatory medications: aspirin, ketoprofen (Anafen), carprofen (Rimadyl), tolfenamic acid (Tolfedine), deracoxib (Deramaxx), meloxicam (Metacam)

Antibiotics: Amoxicillin (Amoxicillin or Amoxil Tabs, Moxilean Tabs or Susp, Apo Amoxi Caps or Susp, Novamoxin Caps or Susp or Chew), amoxicillin-clavulanate (Clavamox Drops/Tabs, Apo Amoxi-Clav Tabs), cephalixin (Apo-Cephalex, Novo Lexin), cephadroxil (Cefa Drops, Cefa Tabs), cefovecin (Convenia), clindamycin (Antirobe Aquadrops/Caps, Clinacin, NV-Clindamycin Caps), enrofloxacin (Baytril Tabs or injection), marbofloxacin (Zeniquin Tabs), orbifloxacin (Orbax Tabs), trimethoprim/sulfadiazine (Tribrissen 24% Inj), sulfadimethoxine (S-125, S-250 Tabs), tetracycline (Apo Tetra Caps), doxycycline (Apo Doxy Tabs, Novo Doxylin Caps), difloxacin (Dicural), Antifungals: griseofulvin (Fulvicin), ketoconazole (Nizoral, Novo Ketoconazole), itraconazole (Sporanox), enilconazole (Imaverol), miconazole (Conofite cream, Dermazole shampoo)

Antiparasitics (including flea, tick and heartworm medications): ivermectin (Ivomec, Eqvalan, Bimectin, Megamectin, Noromectin, Unimectrin, Heartgard), selamectin (Revolution), amitraz (Mitaban), fipronil (Frontline), milbemycin oxime (Interceptor, Milbemite otic), lufenuron (Program), milbemycin oxime + lufenuron (Sentinel), imidacloprid + moxidectin (Advantage Multi), nitenpyram (Capstar), Advantix Canine, Preventic Tick Collar

Others: ophthalmic – eye medication (make sure it does not contain a steroid), thyroid supplementation, heart medication, anti-seizure medication, glucosamine, chondroitin sulfate, Dermacool spray with lidocaine, ear cleaners, cyclosporine (Atopica), allergy shots