



How effective is this treatment?

When we have complete compliance, with both the pet owner and the veterinarian, our success rate can be as great as 90% improvement (this means less reactions).

My pet is currently on Apoquel™ or Cytopoint™, why do I still need to proceed with treatment?

Apoquel & Cytopoint are anti-itch tools developed to provide short-term relief and can be used in conjunction with hyposensitization. Anti-itch medicines relieve the immediate itch while treatment builds tolerance to the offending allergens. Allergen-specific hyposensitization remains the safest option for the core treatment of atopy¹.

"We must be very cautious and emphasize the need to do a complete workup on the dog for underlying cause rather than just treating the pruritus" - Bruce Hansen, DVM, DACVD, Dermatology and Allergy Services for Animals².

MATTIE'S STORY...



Mattie has seasonal allergies as well as food and indoor allergies that made it important to start treatment. She has responded so well that her monthly allergy injection is the only treatment she needs. Thank you Spectrum Veterinary!

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finding allergy relief for my pet

Which is best for pet and parent?



What treatment option(s) are best

FOR MY PET'S ALLERGIES?

Why allergy treatment?

The best form of treatment for allergies is avoidance of the offending allergen(s). Hyposensitization is the only safe, long term treatment that increases your pet's tolerance to the offending allergens so it can live more comfortably in its environment, without the worry of side effects. Regardless of which method you choose, treatment sets are formulated specifically for your pet based on its allergy test results.





Will my pet always need allergy treatment?

Allergies are a lifelong condition and since there is no cure for allergies, avoidance is best. As this is not always realistic, hyposensitization is the best course of action to increase your pet's tolerance to the offending allergens and provide a significant reduction in symptoms. To preserve this reduction, it is strongly suggested to maintain the pet on treatment long-term.

Are there any dangers involved?

Adverse reactions are extremely rare, and any reactions that may occur, should be temporary and non-life threatening.

Which method is best for you?

	Allergy Injections 	Allergy Drops 
How treatment is administered...	Under the skin (via injection)	Between cheek and gum (pumper)
How often treatment is given...	Every other day initially, working up to once a month.	Daily (no food/drink 10 minutes before or after drops).
Side effects...	Rare Reactions can include mild irritation at the site of injection or local/generalized hives. Systemic reactions include lethargy, vomiting or diarrhea. Anaphylaxis is extremely rare.	Rare Reactions can include puritis, face-rubbing, GI issues, itchy mouth or lethargy. Systemic reactions are extremely rare and as of yet, undocumented.

How long until I see improvement?

Unlike previous medications you may have used, hyposensitization is a long-term process. You and your Veterinarian have opted to go this route because of its effectiveness (up to 90%), safety, and absence of harmful side effects. In most cases you can expect to see improvement in about 3-5 months, but this can vary from pet to pet. Some animals show response a lot sooner, while others take longer before significant improvement occurs.

What about food allergies?

Food allergies are the most common culprit in allergy symptoms for pets under 1 year of age. Common symptoms include feet licking, itchy skin, ear inflammation/infection and face rubbing. Vomiting and GI issues can also be associated with food allergies but is far less common.

Foods can not be treated with hyposensitization, therefore avoidance is the only form of treatment. The food list provided by Spectrum can be a valuable tool to help you select proper food and treat options. Dramatic improvement can be accomplished simply by changing your pet's diet.



Utilizing a multi-modality approach (diet change, hyposensitization, and short term comfort therapies, if necessary) will be helpful in achieving the best possible results.

