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Dear New Client:

Welcome and thank you for choosing VCA Aurora Animal Hospital. We are committed to providing you and your pet with the best possible care. In order for us to do that, we ask that you have referral information from your primary care veterinarian faxed to us at (310) 979-5493 at least 24 hours before your first visit. In addition, please arrive early to complete the form regarding your pet's current skin problems or ask a receptionist to email it to you and bring it with you to the initial visit. This information will aid us in focusing on the progression of the disease process over time and in providing details about past treatments and their results.

Please remember the following things:

- Do not bathe your pet for 7 days prior to the visit or clean your pet's ears /apply medications for 1 day prior to the visit.
- Follow your primary care veterinarian's recommendations regarding other medications your pet is receiving.
 - In case blood work may need to be done, please do not feed your pet after midnight the night before your appointment (unless your pet has diabetes). Water may be offered up until the time of the appointment.

Factors such as cost of the visits, treatments, and time spent on appointments can be a surprise to someone who is not familiar with a veterinary dermatologist. You should plan on spending up to 1.5 hours at the clinic with your pet on your first appointment. This visit is usually the longest and subsequent visits are usually 30-60 minutes unless special testing is being done.

Generally speaking, the cost of the initial visit averages **\$275-350** without medications. This estimate includes the initial consultation and examination fee and basic skin/ear cytologies and scrapings that examine for microorganisms and parasites. It is difficult to predict cost of medications dispensed as this varies with the diagnosis and the size of the pet. **Allergy testing and more involved diagnostic tests that include specific testing for thyroid disease, adrenal disease, culture/sensitivities, and/or biopsies are additional.** Repeat visits are often necessary in order to complete the work-up. However, repeat examinations and diagnostics often average **\$175**, plus the cost of medications. Should you need to cancel or reschedule an appointment, we ask that you let us know at least 48 hours in advance in order for us to fill the appointment with pets from our waiting list. Please do not hesitate to call the office if you have any questions regarding your appointment. We look forward to meeting you and your pet!

Sincerely,
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Dermatologic History Form



Owners Name:

Pet's Name:

Preferred method of contact:

Phone

Text

Email

1. Does your pet have any allergies/adverse reactions to medications? Yes No

If yes, please describe:

2. How old was your pet when obtained? How old is your pet now?
3. Where did you obtain your pet?
4. Has your pet been spayed/neutered? Yes No If yes, when?
5. How old was your pet when his/her skin and/or ear problems began?
6. What did the problem look like when it started? When did it first start? What part of the body was first affected? Did it move to other areas?

7. Was the onset sudden or gradual? Sudden Gradual

8. Is the problem year round? Yes No

If no, what season does the problem seem to be the worst?

Spring Summer Fall Winter

9. Grade your pet's itchiness on a scale of 1-10: 1=not itchy, 10=itchy all day and night

10. Which did you notice first: your pet's skin lesions or itchiness?

11. Does your pet have any ear disease?

12. Is your pet on flea preventative? Yes No

Which type?

13. Is your pet on heartworm preventative? Yes No

Which type?

Is it flavored or chewable? Flavored Chewable



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14. What other medications is your pet *currently* taking? Include oral pills, ear, eye, herbal, vitamin, shampoo, and spray therapies. Please describe including name, dose and duration.
15. What other medications has your pet received *in the past* for skin/ear problems? Which of these have helped?
16. What other pets are in the household?
17. Are they affected by the skin/ear problem(s)? Yes No
If yes, describe how?
18. Do any people in the home have any rashes, skin lesions, or itching? Yes No
If yes, please describe:
19. How often does your pet receive a bath?
20. Date last bath was given?
21. What bathing products were used?



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22. Does your pet have any other medical problems? Yes No

If yes, please describe.

23. What percent of time does your pet spend indoors? Outdoors?

24. Describe your pet's indoor environment

25. Describe your pet's outdoor environment

26. Has your pet ever been out of state? Yes No

If yes, where?

27. Describe your pet's past and present diet. Include brand, canned or dry, flavor and duration fed.

a. Pet food

b. Treats

c. Supplements

d. Table foods

e. Other



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28. Have there been any changes in your pet's diet? Yes No
If yes, was the skin/ear problem affected by the change? Yes No
If yes, please describe:

29. Please list any other information you think may be helpful.