

VCA Aurora Animal Hospital

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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 (630) 301-6137 at least 24 hours before your first visit. In addition, please complete the form (found on our website) regarding your pet's current skin problems 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 \$225-285 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. Skin testing and more involved diagnostic tests that include specific testing for thyroid disease, adrenal disease and/or biopsies are additional. Repeat visits are often necessary in order to complete the work-up. However, repeat examinations and diagnostics often average \$130, 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,

Lindsay McKay, DVM, Diplomate, ACVD

Jennifer Matousek, DVM, MS, DACVD



DERMATOLOGIC HISTORY FORM

Owner's Name _____ Pet's Name _____

1. Does your pet have any allergies/adverse reactions to medications? _____
If yes, please describe _____

2. How old was your pet when obtained? _____ How old is pet now? _____

3. Where did you obtain your pet? _____

4. Has your pet been spayed or neutered? _____ If yes, when? _____

5. How old was your pet when its 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? _____

8. Is the problem year round? _____
If no, what season does the problem seem the worst? _____

9. Grade your pet's itchiness from 1 to 10: 1= not itchy, 10= itchy all day and night _____

10. What came first- your pet's skin lesions or did you notice itchiness? _____

11. Does your pet have any ear disease? _____

12. Is your pet on flea preventative? _____ Which preventative? _____

13. Is your pet on heartworm preventative? _____ What type is it? _____
Is it flavored or chewable? _____

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. Which of these medications have helped? _____

16. What other medications has your pet received **in the past** for skin/ear problems?
Which of these helped?

17. What other pets are in the household? _____

18. Are they affected by the skin/ear problem? _____
If yes, describe how _____

19. Do any people in the home have any rashes, skin lesions, or itching? _____
If yes, please describe _____
20. How often does your pet receive a bath? _____
21. Date last bath was given _____
22. What bathing products were used? _____

23. Does your pet have any other medical problems? Please describe _____

24. What percent of time does your pet spend indoors? _____ outdoors? _____
25. Describe your pet's outdoor environment _____

26. Describe your pet's indoor environment _____

27. Has your pet ever been out of the state? _____
If yes, where? _____

28. Describe your pet's diet. Include brand, dry or canned, and duration fed.

- Pet food _____

- Treats _____

- Supplements _____

- Table foods _____

- Other _____

29. Have there been any changes in your pet's diet? _____
If yes, was the skin/ear problem affected by the change? _____
If yes, please describe _____

30. Please list any other information that you think may be helpful _____

