





My Itchy Pet



This book belongs to:





My Pet is Itchy

Hello, your vet has told us that your pet has been into visit them.

They have decided that your pet has skin allergies, and they have asked us to let you know all about it.

We know when pets are poorly it can be a bit worrying, so we wanted to let you know all about your pet's skin allergies and hopefully make it a lot less scary!

This pack is full of all sorts of things to help you care for your pet!

Why not draw a picture of your pet in the box?







What is a Skin Allergy?

We all have skin on our bodies, it can be various colours, some people have freckles, and some people don't. It's all the same though, no matter what it looks like.

Pets have skin too. It's usually hidden by their fur. Sometimes we may touch or eat something that makes our skin itch. It may even go red or bumpy and it's very annoying. It's sort of like how being stung by a nettle feels.

Sore skin is no fun, you may notice your pet might:

- Roll on grass to scratch their back
- Chew their paws
- Scratching their ears and body
- Have very red and sore skin

So, a skin allergy is when your pet touches or eats that makes their skin sore and itchy.

My pet's favourite toy is....





How Can You Help?

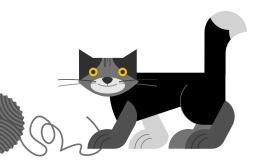
Here are some things that you and your adult can do to help your pet stay comfy

- ✓ Your grown-up may have to give your pet medicine every day to stop their skin being itchy or sore. This medicine should come from your vet.
- ✓ Try not to touch or cuddle your pet if they are feeling sore as you may accidently hurt them. If you make a mistake and forget, don't worry, your pet will still be your best friend.
- ✓ It's important to try and stop them touching the thing that's causing them to itch. This can be very hard. A good rule is to only feed your pet the right food and check with a grown-up before giving them anything else to eat.
- ✓ Try not to touch any of your pet's sore bits, as this can make the problem worse. Instead, you can show them you love them by playing with them or telling them how good they are.



Remember to never climb on your pet or pull them around as this may hurt them.





Being Safe with Medicine

Sometimes pets with skin allergies will need to take medicine every day to stop them having itchy skin. This medicine has been picked by a vet and is perfect for your pet!

Here are some rules about medicine:

- You must never touch your pet's medicine as it can be dangerous for children.
- Medicine should only be given to your pet by a grown-up.
- The medicine for your pet should be kept in a cupboard out of the way.
- If you ever find your pet's medicine, you should tell an adult who can put it away in a safe place.

My pets
favourite
food is....





My Pet's Itchy Diary



Why not keep a diary of how your pet is doing with their allergy?

Todays Tasks	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
My pet has been fed today?							
My pet has fresh water today?							
My pet has taken it's medicine?							
My pet has been scratching today?							
My pet is happy today?							
I told my pet I love them today							

Great work!
Remember to
tell your pet
how good
they are
each day!





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