



Welcome to the Animal Dermatology Clinic at Perth Veterinary Specialists. This is some preliminary information that we hope will assist you with your initial visit

The Perth Veterinary Specialist Centre is located at 305 Selby Street North, Osborne Park WA 6017

If you have a referral letter from your routine veterinarian, please bring this with you. In addition, please make sure you do not feed your pet the morning of the appointment as this can interfere with sedatives, anaesthesia and blood tests if required. It would be helpful if you do not bath your pet for at least three days prior to the appointment. If your dog or cat has been referred for allergy testing, it is preferable to withdraw cortisone (steroid) and antihistamine medication prior to testing. Please consult the dermatology nurses for guidance on the length of withdrawal required.

We have enclosed a dermatology questionnaire relating to skin or ear problems. Please fill in the detail to the best of your ability and either email or fax this back to the clinic prior to your appointment or bring it with you.

The cost of the initial dermatology consultation is \$220.00 (GST inclusive). You will be provided with a written estimate of all costs prior to any procedure being performed. The average price for investigation of an allergic condition is \$1300 to \$1500. **Treatment, including allergy vaccine, is additional to this cost.** If your pet has a chronic ear condition, then oto-endoscopy and a CT scan may be required. The average cost of ear endoscopic examination is \$2000 to \$2500. Not every pet with an ear condition requires a CT but if this is required, the additional cost of a CT scan is \$1000. **Payment in full is required on the day of the consultation.**

Skin allergy testing is performed with catheterisation and sedation, endoscopy and ear flushing are performed under general anaesthesia so it is important that your pet is fasted. In the majority of cases we are able to perform both these procedures on the same day of your appointment. Allergy testing or endoscopy and ear flushing are day procedures and your pet will be able to go home later in the afternoon.

If you have pet insurance it is advisable to clarify with the insurance company whether pre-approval is required before procedures such as allergy testing or skin biopsies can be performed. Please contact us prior to your appointment if you require more information regarding this.

Our nursing staff will call and send you a text message reminder the day before your scheduled appointment to confirm the time and to answer any preliminary questions you may have. **Our cancellation policy is to charge the scheduled consultation fee. Cancellations must be received at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled appointment to avoid a cancellation fee.**

Please do not hesitate to call us on **(08) 9204 0400** if you have any questions or queries regarding your visit. We look forward to helping your pet.

Yours sincerely

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