

things all occurring at once.

Here are some of the tests which might be necessary to reach a diagnosis or treatment plan:

- Skin scrape to look for bacteria, yeast and/or mites
- Fungal Culture/PCR testing for ringworm
- Bacterial culture and sensitivity
- CBC and chemistry panel
- Thyroid testing
- Adrenal testing for Cushing's disease
- Skin biopsy
- Treatment trial for mites with Revolution, Credelio Quattro, Nexgard or Bravecto
- Allergy testing
- Antibiotic therapy
- Medication trial for allergies
- Bathing with special shampoo/cream rinse
- Vitamin/Fatty Acid therapy
- Flea treatment
- Hypoallergenic diet trial

Just a note about hypoallergenic diet trials: There are no foods that are hypoallergenic. Dogs and cats can develop allergies to ANYTHING they ingest. In fact, the more foods you try in the early stages of food allergy, the more foods your pet is likely to become allergic to. That's why the diet trial is last on our list. **It is best to feed your pet just one kind of food during the time we are diagnosing and treating the skin problems**, to make diagnosis easier, and to shorten the list of substances your pet could become allergic to. If food allergy is a likely reason for your pet's problem we will advise you on the proper diet to try and when that should be done. Please don't experiment on your own!

At least one recheck will be needed to evaluate response to treatment. Sometimes it takes many visits. There will be an office visit and recheck examination fee with each visit.

The plan for your pet's treatment is:

Your next scheduled appointment should be in _____ days.