



# What To Expect:

## Your Pet's Initial Dermatology Consultation

Thank you for selecting MedVet for your pet's dermatology consultation. To help you prepare for your pet's consultation, this document provides information on at-home preparation and what to expect upon arriving at our hospital. Should you have any questions between now and the time of the consultation, please call **513.561.0069**.

### 1. Preparing For Your Initial Consultation

Please do not feed your pet the morning of your consultation. This will ensure that we are able to safely administer sedation, should it be necessary for any advanced procedures such as biopsies or intradermal allergy testing. You may provide water to your pet up until the time of the appointment, and you can give your pet's previously prescribed medications. It is ok to give your pet their medication with a minimal amount of food or treat, if necessary.

### 2. The Check-In Process

Upon arrival, you will first check in with the front desk team. They will notify us of your arrival. While we prepare for the consultation, you will be asked to confirm the client and patient registration information you provided when your appointment was initially scheduled.

### 3. The Initial Consultation

During your pet's initial consultation, you will meet several members of the dermatology team. This team is comprised of a **BOARD CERTIFIED VETERINARY DERMATOLOGIST**<sup>®</sup>, credentialed veterinary technician, and veterinary assistant. This team will work with you and your primary care veterinarian to provide your pet with the best possible care.

A member of our dermatology team will review your pet's history with you, asking questions about your pet's general health, suspected or known skin issues, and past medical history. It is important that we know all current topical medications, supplements, and food that your pet is receiving. Please bring these items with you so we can confirm dose and frequency.

Once we have reviewed your pet's history, we will bring your pet to the dermatology treatment area where the dermatologist will perform a complete physical examination. The specialist will also review your pet's medical record, as provided by your primary veterinarian, so to better understand their medical history and any diagnostic findings.

Next, you will meet with the dermatologist, who will provide information regarding your pet's diagnosis. The dermatologist will provide recommendations for diagnostic testing and information about the available treatment options.

If you elect to move forward with diagnostics and treatment, we will provide you with a care plan detailing the anticipated cost of treatment.

### 4. Diagnostic Testing

Diagnostic testing such as lab work, fine needle aspirates, biopsies, and allergy testing may be recommended to diagnose your pet's dermatologic condition. We may also recommend performing outside diagnostics such as bacterial or fungal cultures. In most cases, this testing will occur during your initial consultation. Diagnostic workups typically take 1-2 hours to complete. However, if the results take several days to be returned, the dermatologist will call with these results as soon as they are available.

### 5. Next Steps

Dermatologic conditions often require several medications and follow-up visits to become fully under control and in remission. Initially, follow-up visits may be needed every 3-4 weeks. As your pet improves, follow-up visits will become less frequent and may involve your family veterinarian.

For more information about what to expect during your pet's initial Dermatology consultation, please call MedVet Cincinnati directly at **513.561.0069**, or visit **medvet.com**.