

Allergies in Dogs

Dogs can have allergies just like humans. Some signs are constant scratching, rashes excessive shedding. The difference is that dogs react differently to allergies than humans. Dogs react with skin problems which can often lead to infections.

Dog allergies are often caused by topical substances such as ointments and flea collars, or air contaminants such as pollen, mildew or dust mites. Sometimes fleas and food can cause dogs to have allergic reactions.

Some tips for taking care of your dog with allergies are:

- Give your dog a bath in oatmeal or an oatmeal-formulated shampoo several times a week.
- Soak your dog in an Epsom salts bath.
- Ask your veterinarian if an anti-inflammatory would help comfort your dog's discomfort with allergies.
- Place a dehumidifier in your dog's sleeping area. To decrease molds, place activated charcoal around house.
- Keep your dog in an air-conditioned place.
- Keep your house dusted and vacuumed regularly.
- Treat your dog for fleas even if you do not see any.
- Use a hypoallergenic dog food or treats. Collaborate with your vet and invent a homemade diet.