

Another case where Atopica delivered "a different dog"!



before



after eight weeks

**History:**

Daisy, nine-year-old F(N) Labrador Retriever. Pruritic dermatitis since three years of age. Also hypothyroid.

**Vet:**

Charlie Walker MRCVS, Skinvet Companion Animal Referrals, Cliffe Vet Group, Lewes.

**Clinical signs:**

Facial, pedal, aural and ventral pruritus with episodic otitis and superficial pyoderma.

**Diagnostic tests:**

- Skin scrapes – negative.
- Cytology – positive for cocci.
- Acaricidal trial therapy – no improvement.
- Food elimination trial – no improvement.
- Intradermal test – positive for house dust mites and pollen.

**Final diagnosis:**

Atopic dermatitis with secondary pyoderma.

**Treatment:**

Regular ectoparasite treatment. L-thyroxine supplementation. Ear cleansers and aural polypharmacy to control otitis.

Various systemic antibiotics plus chlorhexidine/miconazole shampoo to manage episodes of pyoderma.

Immunotherapy – no discernable effect. Antihistamine – ineffective.

Corticosteroids – only just controlling inflammation and pruritus, significant side-effects occurring.

Amount of steroid required to relieve clinical signs was considered "unacceptable".

**Atopica:**

Prescribed Atopica 200mg daily.

"A different dog" within four weeks – brighter, minimal pruritus, hair regrowth, no side-effects – and very happy owners.

After eight weeks dose frequency reduced to every other day. Attempted further dose reduction led to episodes of otitis.

Maintained on 200mg every other day for over 22 months. Only side-effect has been mild gingival hypertrophy.

**Conclusion:**

In combination with infrequent ear and coat cleansing, Atopica has completely controlled the severe atopic disease for nearly two years.

The results speak for themselves