



Vet Practice: PG Andre Veterinary Surgery, Richmond
Veterinary Surgeon: Tim Richardson

Name: Amba Robinson

Breed: German Shepherd

Sex: Female

Original Complaint: Pruritus and cutaneous cysts.

THE ALLERGY DETECTIVE CASE FILES

AMBA ROBINSON

HISTORY

Amba had been suffering intermittently with sore inflamed skin and cutaneous cysts for 3 years. On one occasion Amba had to be taken to the vets whilst on a family holiday as her skin became so bad. Various treatments including surgery were attempted with varying levels of success but in Jan 2009 her skin problems had returned.

At this stage, due to the chronicity of her condition vet Tim Richardson sent a blood sample to Avacta Animal Health for a **SENSITEST®** Complete Allergy Test.



ACTION

Amba's test returned with positive results for several food allergens including foods that formed the main components of her diet. In response to the test results Amba was moved onto a meat-free diet.

Amba is now fed a vegetarian dog food and home cooked rice, pasta and vegetables. Instead of bones or meat based chews Amba now has large raw carrots as treats! She also enjoys the occasional red thai vegetarian curry made with coconut milk instead of cow's milk.

RESULT

Amba continues to go from strength to strength, her skin is massively improved and her bloating around her stomach has subsided as well.

Amba is back to her happy self. She is exceptionally well trained and will play dead, high five and bark on command. She adores playing football with her owner Claire's son and is a well practised goalie. She also loves swimming in the Thames in Richmond.

Her owner Claire sums up Amba's journey "Never in a million years would it have occurred to me that Amba could be allergic to meat—we suspected pollen, grass or something environmental—but it turned out we were barking up the wrong tree!"



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SUCCESS**

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CASE NOTES



Name: Amba Robinson
Breed: GSD
Sex: Female

About Amba: Amba is exceptionally well trained and will play dead, high five and bark on command. She adores playing football with her owner Claire's son and is a well practised goalie. She also loves swimming in the Thames in Richmond

History: Amba was first presented to her vet in November 2006 with pyoderma of the dorsum and multiple cutaneous cysts. Biopsies of the cysts were taken and histology revealed Infundibular Keratinizing Acanthoma. Surgical excision and post operative antibiotics resulted in the temporary resolution of the cysts and pyoderma. In June 2008 Amba returned to her vet with more cutaneous cysts, by January 2009 she was pruritic with pustules on her muzzle and forelimbs and more cutaneous cysts. At this stage her vet sent a blood sample to Avacta Animal Health for allergy testing.

Test: SENSITEST® Complete Allergy Test and Malassezia.

Positive Test Results

Food Allergens

Beef, Pork, Lamb, Duck, Chicken, Cow's Milk

Action: As a result of her allergy test Amba was changed to a vegetarian diet. Her new diet consists of plenty of home cooked rice, pasta and vegetables as well as a commercially available vegetarian dry dog food. She no longer has bones or biscuits but will have a large chunky carrot after dinner which she will come and ask for! As a curry lover she enjoys the occasional red thai vegetable curry made with coconut milk instead of cows milk.

Result: Amba's condition has improved dramatically. Her skin has cleared up, she is full of energy and vitality and has lost all of the bloat around her stomach.

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Claire Robinson, Amba's Owner

