



MINIMUM WITHDRAWAL TIMES FOR ALLERGY TESTING (which may include intradermal testing and/or serum allergy testing):

90 DAYS - ALL REPOSITOL (long-acting) CORTICOSTEROIDS AND PROGESTERONES

Including but **NOT** limited to: betamethasone, methylprednisolone acetate (e.g. Depo-Medrol), Depo-Provera

30 DAYS – ALL REGULAR CORTICOSTEROIDS AND PROGESTERONES (injected, oral, and/or topical)

Including but **NOT** limited to: Animax, azium, DES, dexamethasone, Genesis spray, Gentocin, Kenalog, Malotic, Medrol, megestrol acetate, Mometamax, Otomax, Otibiotic, Ovaban, Panalog, Posatex, prednisolone, prednisone, Relief HC, ResiCort, Surolan, Synotic, Tamaril-P, Tresaderm, triamcinolone, Tritop, Vetalog

If you are not sure if a medication contains steroids, please ask your veterinarian or call us

14 DAYS – ALL ANTIHISTAMINES - Including but **NOT** limited to: Alavert, Allegra, Atarax, Benadryl, chlorpheniramine, ChlorTrimeton, Claritin, clemastine, Clomicalm, diphenhydramine, hydroxyzine, loratidine, phenylpropanolamine, Proin, Tavist, Zyrtec. Please note that some behavior modifying drugs/anti-anxiety medications also have anti-histaminic activity (see below)

If you are not sure if a medication has anti-histaminic activity, please ask your veterinarian or call us

14 DAYS – TRICYCLIC ANTIDEPRESSANTS – Including but **NOT** limited to: doxepin, clomipramine (Clomicalm), amitriptyline (Elavil)

14 DAYS – DIETARY/FATTY ACID SUPPLEMENTS & MISCELLANEOUS – Including but **NOT** limited to: Allerderm EFA caps, DERMA-3 softgels, Derm caps, Dynovite, EFA-Vet, EFA-Z, Free Form Snip Tips, Nutrasol, PetTabs, PetTabsFA, 3-V caps, or *any form* of fish oil (human or veterinary) any form of oils (inc vegetable oils), vitamin E or any products containing vitamin E supplementation, any pet vitamins, pentoxifylline

7 DAYS – BENZODIAZEPINES – Including but **NOT** limited to: alprazolam (Xanax), diazepam (Valium), lorazepam, midazolam.

7 DAYS – NSAIDS AND OTHER MEDICATIONS – Including but **NOT** limited to: aspirin, ascriptin, carprofen, chondroitin sulfate, Cosequin, Dasuquin, deracoxib, Deramaxx, Eto-Gesic/etodolac, feracoxib, glucosamine, Goodwinol, Ketofen, meloxicam, Metacam, methylsulfonylmethane (MSM), Onsior, phenylbutazone, Rimadyl, Tylenol, Zubrin.

If you are not sure if your pet's medications contain any NSAIDs, or if your pet cannot discontinue taking a specific medication for medical or quality of life reasons, please ask your veterinarian or call us

3 DAYS – NO BATHING OR TOPICAL PRODUCTS - Any shampoos, sprays or rinses containing steroids, fatty acids or antihistamines should have already been withdrawn prior to this.

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If your dog has recently taken any antibiotics, specifically a tetracycline, doxycycline or minocycline, if at all possible, schedule the allergy testing once the course of antibiotics is finished. Antibiotics in the tetracycline class can have anti-inflammatory effects. Most other antibiotics will not interfere with testing and do not require withdrawal. Any ear medications that do NOT contain steroids may be continued without a withdrawal.

DAY OF THE APPOINTMENT – NO FOOD, NO TRANQUILIZERS

MEDICATIONS THAT DO NOT NEED TO BE WITHDRAWN PRIOR TO ALLERGY TESTING:

Allergy shots (immunotherapy) or sublingual allergy drops, Apoquel, Atopica, cyclosporine, any flea/tick and/or heartworm preventives, ivermectin/Ivomec, Mitaban (amitrax), silver sulfadiazine (Silvadene), any thyroid medications, witch hazel, Xenodine (iodine), SSRIs (e.g. fluoxetine (Prozac)).

Females CANNOT be skin tested if in estrus/season/heat, pregnant, in false pregnancy, or nursing

IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS OVER WITHDRAWING ANY OF YOUR PET'S MEDICATIONS, PLEASE CONSULT WITH YOUR VETERINARIAN OR CALL US

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If your pet's allergy symptoms are seasonal (i.e. limited to or worsens during spring, summer or fall), your pet should be tested at the end of the season(s) in which he/she is affected.

If your pet is having intradermal testing during the initial appointment, please plan to be here for 2-3 hours. If your pet is having intradermal testing at a follow-up appointment, plan for the testing to take ~ 1 hour. If it is a follow-up appointment, you may leave your pet with us or wait.
The PRIMARY owner MUST BE PRESENT at the initial visit!

Your dermatologist may recommend performing both serum AND intradermal testing together.

Appointment date and time: _____

If you are unable to keep this appointment, PLEASE call us at 314.997.0920 to cancel the appointment at least 24 hours in advance.