

Client Information Sheet – Dermatology Appointment

Thank you for choosing Veterinary Specialists Scotland for your pet's dermatological care. To help you prepare for your upcoming appointment, please review the following important information:

Appointment Duration: Please allow approximately **1.5 hours** for the initial dermatology consultation.

Dermatology Assessment – what it entails:

- A detailed history will be taken regarding your pet's skin or ear concerns.
- A full dermatological examination will be performed.
- Skin and/or ear samples may be taken while your pet is awake (consciously) and examined under the microscope during the appointment to help guide diagnosis and treatment.
- A treatment plan will be created based on these findings. This may include medical management, dietary recommendations, or the need for further investigations.

Cost of Initial Consultation: The fee for the consultation is **£465**. If skin and/or ear sampling with microscopy is required, an upper estimate of **£750** is given. If you have pet insurance, please ensure that your policy details are with our Client Care Team prior to the appointment.

Additional Costs:

- Any treatments, medications, or further procedures recommended during the appointment are **not included** in the initial consultation fee.
- These will be discussed with you at the time so that you can make an informed decision about next steps.

Further Investigations or Procedures:

- If further diagnostics (e.g. deeper ear investigations, skin biopsies, allergy testing) are needed, these are usually scheduled for **Tuesdays**.
- In very urgent cases, additional procedures may be carried out on the same day as the consultation.

Important: Feeding Information

- To allow for the possibility of urgent same-day procedures, please do not feed your pet after midnight before the appointment. Water should be left down until an hour prior to the appointment unless otherwise advised.
- If you have any questions or if your pet has special requirements (e.g. specific medication schedules, diabetes), please contact us before the appointment so we can make any necessary accommodations.

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Our Dermatologists, Debbie & Abi, look forward to meeting you and helping your pet feel more comfortable.

Kind regards
Client Care Team

