



NEXTLAB CANINE & FELINE WORK-UP CHART

DERMATOLOGICAL

Rule out ectoparasitic disease. Use cytology +/- culture to rule out microbial overgrowth or infection.



Are the clinical signs distinctly seasonal (part of the year asymptomatic) with no concurrent gastrointestinal signs?



YES

Diagnosis of atopic dermatitis.



NO

Rule out food allergy - dietary trial advised

Use **NEXTLAB COMPLETE ENVIRONMENTAL & FOOD** or **NEXTLAB FOOD** test/screen to aid diet selection. If full/partial response to dietary trial*, re-challenge with original food to diagnose food allergy.



Diagnosis of atopic dermatitis if no/partial response to dietary trial.



Identify causal environmental allergens

Use **NEXTLAB ENVIRONMENTAL**** test/screen or **NEXTLAB COMPLETE ENVIRONMENTAL & FOOD** test for allergen avoidance and desensitisation (as appropriate).

RESPIRATORY

Rule out other causes of respiratory signs.



Diagnosis of allergy.



Identify causal environmental allergens

Use **NEXTLAB ENVIRONMENTAL**** test/screen for allergen avoidance and desensitisation (as appropriate).

GASTROINTESTINAL

Rule out other causes of gastrointestinal signs.



Dietary trial advised

Use **NEXTLAB FOOD**** test/screen to aid diet selection.



Diagnosis of food allergy.

PLEASE NOTE: Repeating the work-up steps is often required to establish the cause of flare ups. Repeat allergy testing may be appropriate in some cases.

* a second trial with different food might be needed if no response to the first.

** also available as part of the **NEXTLAB COMPLETE** tests.

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