

# McKeever Dermatology Clinics, Inc.

## ALLERGY, EAR AND SKIN SPECIALIST

### Allergy Injections – Points of Interest

1. Since the allergy vaccine does not reach “full strength” until day 28, most animals will usually not show any improvement initially.
2. Many animals that respond to their vaccine will do so during the first six months of therapy. A few animals will not respond until the end of the first year.
3. Since the vaccine does not work immediately, medications may be necessary to relieve your animal’s itchiness. Your veterinarian will make various suggestions that you should follow.
4. In general, 75% of atopic animals are helped by immunotherapy. Some animals may require additional medication, especially during the height of allergy season.
5. If your pet is allergic to fleas, environmental control should be practiced.
6. Dogs that are allergic to fleas are often allergic to other substances. Immunotherapy for these other substances may help a flea allergic dog. However, stringent flea control should also be practiced.
7. Routine immunizations (e.g. rabies, distemper, parvo) should not be given on the same day as an allergy injection. If your animal develops some unrelated medical or surgical problem, contact your veterinarian to see how the vaccine schedule should be modified.
8. If an injection date is missed by up to two weeks, give the next scheduled injection and follow the schedule. If a longer period of time has elapsed, contact your veterinarian before administering the next injection.
9. To continue the positive effects from the allergy treatment, you will need to continue the injections beyond the first three vials. Continue maintenance injections – 1.0cc every 20 days as needed – for the rest of the animals life.
10. Do not alter (increase or decrease) the frequency of injections without contacting McKeever Dermatology Clinics or your regular veterinarian.
11. Keep vaccine refrigerated at all times.
12. Please allow 1-2 weeks when ordering a refill.

