

DERMATOLOGY APPOINTMENT INFORMATION (Please read carefully):

Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions regarding the instructions below.

1. Please have your regular veterinarian fax or mail your pet's medical records and previous test results to our hospital 48 hours prior to your appointment.
2. Please go to our website: www.InTownMassVet.com, click on services, then click on dermatology & fill out the history form (under first visit) on the dermatology page. Please bring this form with you to your appointment. (or alternatively, click here: <http://intownvet.com/mvrh/forms/dermpatienthistory.pdf>)
3. Do not bathe your pet for 1 week prior to your appointment. This may be difficult but the longer your pet can go without bathing, the more effective any required testing will be.
4. If your pet is on topical ear medications, do not use these medications for 72 hours prior to your appointment.
5. Do not feed your pet after midnight the night before the appointment unless a medical condition such as diabetes does not allow this. Your pet can have water. This is in anticipation of any testing that may require sedation.
6. Do not give any medications the morning of the appointment. Exceptions include insulin, anti-seizure medications, thyroid medications and heart medications. ***Please call our office if you have any questions regarding giving your pet food or medication.***
7. Please bring all medications (including ear medications, shampoos, etc.) that your pet has taken within the last year for their skin and/or ear problems.
8. Allergy testing may not be performed during your pet's first appointment for several reasons including your pet's dermatologic history, the condition of your pet's skin, and recent use of medications, all of which may interfere with test results. Allergy testing is usually not performed if an animal has received injectable steroids within the past 90 days, oral or topical (including in the ear) steroids within the past 30 days, or antihistamines within the past 14 days.
9. Dermatology appointments often take longer than appointments with your regular veterinarian. First appointments are scheduled for 1 hour, but may run longer. If you are unable to keep your appointment, please let us know 48 hours in advance.