



What to Expect: Dermatology

EVALUATION APPOINTMENT INFORMATION & GUIDELINES

GENERAL INFORMATION

You can expect to spend at least 3-4 hours at the clinic. Some cases require a full day if special tests are needed. We cannot predict this for you without first examining your pet, so prepare to spend the day.

Most dermatology problems will require at least 2-3 follow-up visits. A single visit is rarely adequate, and some difficult problems require several visits over a period of months.

We cannot guarantee allergy testing on the day of your initial visit. A list of medication withdrawal times are available if you wish to prepare your pet for allergy testing, although we do not require that you do so. It is often easier on your pet to see us first, so that we can plan for medication withdrawal and allergy testing on a follow-up visit.

FEES

You may call and discuss the case for an estimate. All diagnostic tests and necessary medications are in addition to the office visit fee, and will be discussed with you prior to proceeding. Total costs are impossible to predict prior to examining your pet as each individual is unique.

COMMUNICATIONS

We will need to know the optimal way to contact you during the time your pet is in the teaching hospital and for follow-up recommendations. In order to optimize communication pathways, outgoing call numbers are typically blocked, so you will need to be able to be reached at a phone that accepts blocked calls.

DERMATOLOGY SERVICE PRE-APPOINTMENT CHECKLIST

- DO NOT** feed your pet after midnight the evening before appointment! Water is fine, but no solid food.
- If your pet is diabetic, feed and administer insulin as usual.
- All medications should be administered, unless directed otherwise.
- Bring all medications, wipes, shampoos, etc. that your pet is currently using to the appointment. These should be in their original containers.
- Do not bathe your pet for 5 days prior to the appointment.
- Bring copies of pertinent lab test results, medical records and all radiographs (films) from YOUR CURRENT AND PREVIOUS VETERINARIANS, INCLUDING SPECIALISTS, to the initial appointment or have your veterinarian(s) send them prior to the appointment. Digital images may be emailed to utvetref@utk.edu Advanced imaging such as CT, MRI and ultrasound, need to be brought on a CD in DICOM format.

****Please note that all pets should be brought to the Veterinary Medical Center on a leash or in a pet carrier.****

Thank you for choosing UTCVM Veterinary Medical Center for your pet's care. We look forward to meeting you!