



Four Paws Animal Hospital

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To whom it may concern:

Canine Vyttigg has been having allergy problems for a while. He has had ear infections treated several times. He was allergy tested to determine what is the underlying reason for the recurring ear infections. He was determined to be allergic to 15 different trees, 3 different grasses, 4 types of weeds, fire ants, fleas and tobacco leaf. He was also determined to be borderline allergic to multiple other things. I have enclosed a copy of his allergy test results. He was also food allergy tested and determined to be allergic to fish mix, oats, pork, rice, squash, sweet potato, tomato, venison and yeast, with borderline allergy to barley, green beans, green peas, peanuts, potato, shellfish, spinach and wheat.

I recommend a special diet for him. If an over the counter food can be found containing beef, chicken, lamb and corn that would be OK, but many over the counter foods contain many different ingredients. It may be best for him to be on a prescription diet. I recommend a hydrolyzed protein dry food from RC. He also needs to be placed on allergy antigen injections to build up his tolerance to the things he is allergic to.

The antigen injections for the first round which contains three vials (low, medium, high concentration) which lasts approx. 5 months is \$328.00 and refills which last approx.. 5 months are \$245.00.

The food I recommend is \$93.50 for a 25lb bag.

The cost of the injections and food will be less expensive in the long run compared to the ear infection treatments every few months. To properly treat the ears usually requires sedation for Vyttigg since his ears are painful and need a deep ear cleaning. After his ears are cleaned medications are placed in the ear that lasts for approx. 30 days.

In my opinion if Vyttigg's allergies are treated he will be able to work until a normal retirement age. Without treatment his ears area bothering him and he does not work properly because his ears are painful when he has an infection.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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