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Allergy Testing



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Sugar-Free Gum and Snacks can be Deadly for Dogs

The culprit is a sweetener called xylitol. Just two sticks of sugarless gum can be fatal for a 20-pound dog, and a single sugar-free pudding cup can spell trouble for a 90-pounder. But those numbers can be misleading because some brands of gum or candy contain no xylitol, while others contain relatively large amounts. Even within a single brand, the level of xylitol can vary from flavor to flavor and batch to batch.

If you know or suspect your dog has ingested foods that may contain xylitol, call our clinic immediately. Blood sugar levels plummet within 30 to 60 minutes resulting in energy deficit so the brain cannot function well. Dogs may vomit, become lethargic, disorientated, have seizures, and possibly die. Surviving dogs can develop liver damage. Blood sugar levels need to be monitored and sugar replacement must occur until safe levels have been restored.

So if you are a fan of sugar-free products, check the labels to see whether they contain xylitol. Then do your best to keep your dog pal away from xylitol containing products.



Allergy Testing, Prevention & Treatment Of Your Cat Or Dog

Pets can suffer their entire lives with allergic reaction to a wide variety of environmental substances known as allergens which can occur seasonally or year round. Food allergy is the most likely cause of allergic symptoms in pets under one year of age.

Most common allergy symptoms

- ❁ Skin irritation; intense itching & scratching
- ❁ Feet licking
- ❁ Face rubbing
- ❁ Hair loss
- ❁ Ear inflammation
- ❁ Acne
- ❁ Vomiting & Diarrhea
- ❁ Respiratory signs; asthma, sneezing, nasal discharge and watery eyes.
- ❁ Cat will over groom themselves causing hair loss and skin erosion sores.

The solution for pets who have recurring signs with or without routine medications or supplements; is to test for, treat and eliminate as many allergens as possible.

Schmidt Veterinary Clinic can do this!

A thorough history and examination will be done followed by submitting blood serum samples to a commercial lab to conduct Elisa tests to determine and rank environmental and food allergens that afflict your pet. The lab then uses this data to design and prepare an allergy treatment kit to use on a regular basis by injection which over time will neutralize the allergic reactions your pet suffers from.

This kit provides a long term effective treatment that gradually builds your pet's immunity to offending allergens and reduces the need for steroids, antihistamines, nutritional supplements and office visits. You can do these injections at home or have us do them.

The testing will identify food allergens that can be reduced or eliminated. We will review diet choices that are beneficial to your pet.

Our staff is ready to help you and your pet with solutions to its allergy problems resulting in a more comfortable and happy life for both of you.



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Schmidt team

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Meet the team!



Marilyn

This league of women voters leader trained as a registered nurse, worked for several hospitals, medical doctors and Red Cross, and she is our office manager. Mother of two daughters and Nana for three grand daughters she is Dr. John's life partner.



Maggie

A Polish Arabian Equestrian, former Navy See-Bee, morel mushroom hunter, poker player and computer nerd, Maggie fits in family and second job managing a housing complex.



Dr Peck

Is a relief veterinarian having practiced 13 years in Michigan after earning Bachelors in Science and D.V.M. degrees with honors from Michigan State University.



Bonnie

Is a graduate of Paragon School of Dog Grooming. She has worked for several years and specializes in breed specific cuts. She photos pets before and after to achieve consistency. Bonnie is a dog trainer and has German Short Haired Pointers.



Erin

Dr. assistant having worked in other veterinary clinics, played basketball and graduated from California State University she participated in an endangered species recovery program for rabbits and lizards.



Linda

This former receptionist for the Humane Society of Macomb Co, is a trained data base administrator and a certified massage therapist. New to our area, Linda needs your patience in pronouncing our names.



Judy

Is a skilled pet caretaker having worked at two Arizona Humane Societies, assists in pet grooming, is a certified dog trainer and is a CDL licensed truck driver.



Anna

A former pet groomer Wal-mart and Petco veteran, pharmacist assistant and grandmother. Anna assists with surgeries and hospital duties. This billiards shark does it all!



Dr Eberly

Is a relief veterinarian having practiced 13 years in Michigan after earning Bachelors in Science and D.V.M. degrees from Michigan State University. An accomplished diagnostician and soft tissue surgeon, she has worked for many veterinary clinics and as a CSNIP surgeon in Grand Rapids.



Chuck

Our Camp Master is a professional impressionist artist who enjoys his furry friends when not creating beautiful paintings. Chuck is a U.S Army Veteran, outdoorsman, traveler and loves his hunting dogs and roller pigeons. Visit his beautiful paintings at www.chuckparsonsart.com



Dr Schmidt

This Holland resident, since 1950, earned a B.Sci and D.V.M. degrees at MSU between 1962 & 1968, was a captain in the U.S.A.F. from 1969-1970 serving as Base Veterinarian at Sheppard A.F.B. Regional Hospital in Wichita Falls, Texas, and returned to Holland in 1971 joining his father Dr. Lawrence Schmidt, caring for livestock, poultry and pets. In 1980 his focus became household pet care. He is a past president and continues as member of the West Michigan Academy of Small Animal Practice and the West Michigan Veterinary Medical Association. He has memberships in the Michigan Veterinary Medical Association, the American Veterinary Medical Associations, the American Animal Hospital Association, the American Association of Feline Practitioners and is a life member of the MSU Alumni Club. Dr. Schmidt is a proud father of two daughters, is Papa to three grand daughters, enjoys travel, nature, photography, and painting. He enjoys all aspects of veterinary practice and procedures. His life companion is our office manager Marilyn!

