

Georgia is special dog and was, unfortunately, a common visitor to the clinic. Everyone knows Georgia on site and she always seems happy to visit with us. Georgia had chronic skin problems when she was younger and was frequently on medications and special shampoos. Her problem of itchy, stinky and red skin would always clear immediately with treatment, but, eventually, they would always return. It was so frustrating.

Ultimately, allergy testing identified a number of culprits for Georgia's predicament. Along with all the usual Florida grass and pollen allergies, she also had a number of food allergies as well.

We started the appropriate diet for her sensitivities, changed her treats and made some lifestyle adjustments. Georgia improved dramatically, to a point where we could manage her itchiness with medicated shampoos and antihistamines nearly year round. Any accidents with her diet resulted in an outbreak, so her Mom was, especially, vigilant.

Now, as an older lady, Georgia has developed early kidney disease. Since the hallmark of treatment involves a low protein diet, we were concerned, since the available prescription diets did not account for Georgia's food allergies. Fortunately, Dr. Lauten was able to formulate a homemade diet that managed to be both low protein for Georgia's kidneys and still appropriate for her food allergies. Georgia looks great and loves her new diet, which was very clear when she boarded the weekend with us. Her kidney enzymes have currently returned to normal and her skin looks and smells great. Sometimes, finding the right balance can be difficult, but it is certainly worth it.

Thanks, Dr. Lauten

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