

SENSITEST

Vet Practice: Chapelfield Veterinary Partnership Ltd
Name: Tripod Howe
Breed: Domestic short hair
Sex: Female **Age:** 7 years
Original Complaint: Pruritus, over grooming, nibbling, alopecia and scabs on face.



HISTORY:
 Tripod's symptoms were first noticed in May 2013. At first, Tripod's owner, who is also her vet, assumed it to be largely flea-allergy related due to Tripod having free access outdoors. After no improvement to monthly flea and steroid treatment and with her symptoms starting to escalate during the summer months, Tripod's owner did a **SENSITEST** allergy test.

ACTION:
 After receiving Tripod's **SENSITEST** environmental and food results, her owners made changes to help improve her wellbeing. Tripod was previously on Hill's Vet Essentials Young Adult Cat Food, but the food allergy results showed raised antibodies to duck, chicken, turkey, corn and beef and so a more appropriate new diet would have to be implemented, as to avoid the problem foods.

SENSITEST Results June 2015	
Food	IgE
Lamb	1
Duck	2
Chicken	1
Turkey	1
Corn	1
Food	IgG
Beef	2
Environmental	
Meadow Grass	2
Sweet Vernal	2
Fat Hen	1
Storage Mites	2
House Dust Mites	2

RESULTS:
 Since changing Tripod's diet to Hills' z/d, her pruritus has reduced and so has her previous typical episodes of running around with skin rippling and intense grooming. Although Tripod still has visible patches of alopecia, her owner is confident that now her intense grooming and pruritus has reduced, and because she is starting allergen-specific immunotherapy injections for meadow grass, house dust mites and storage mites, Tripod's hair will grow back in the not too distant future.

*"Before using **SENSITEST** I was sure Pod's allergies were relating to fleas but was surprised to see there was no reaction to the saliva. Given the results, I immediately changed her diet and have already seen improvement! Hopefully she will improve further when I get the environmental allergen injections started."*
- Tripod's owner/vet

