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SPRING POLLEN 2018 SEASON IS EARLY

Is it TIME to ALLERGY SKIN TEST?

1. EVERY ITCHY DOG SHOULD TRY CYTOPOINT!

- a. **5.2%** failed to have any improvement even with repeated administration of the Cytopoint.
- b. **31.4%** received only 1 treatment and elected to pursue other treatments due to the cost and lack of prolong effect.
- c. **68.6%** were treated with multiple doses and the average interval between treatments for this group was 3.9 months.
- 2. IF NOT SUCCESSFUL OR TOO EXPENSIVE
 - a. ALLERGY SKIN TESTING
 - AND ALLERGY DESENSITIZATION VACCINE THERAPY Is the NEXT BEST – SAFEST – AND MOST ECONOMIAL OPTION
 - b. Allergy skin testing is better than blood tests with the allergy vaccine based on skin testing resulting in superior response and cure rates.
 - c. 85% of patients demonstrate good to excellent improvement in the first 2 months.
 - d. 60% of patients can stop the allergy desensitization vaccine therapy after 2 years and are in long-term remission (cure).

DO NOT RESORT TO STEROIDS or APOQUEL unless there are NO safe options.

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