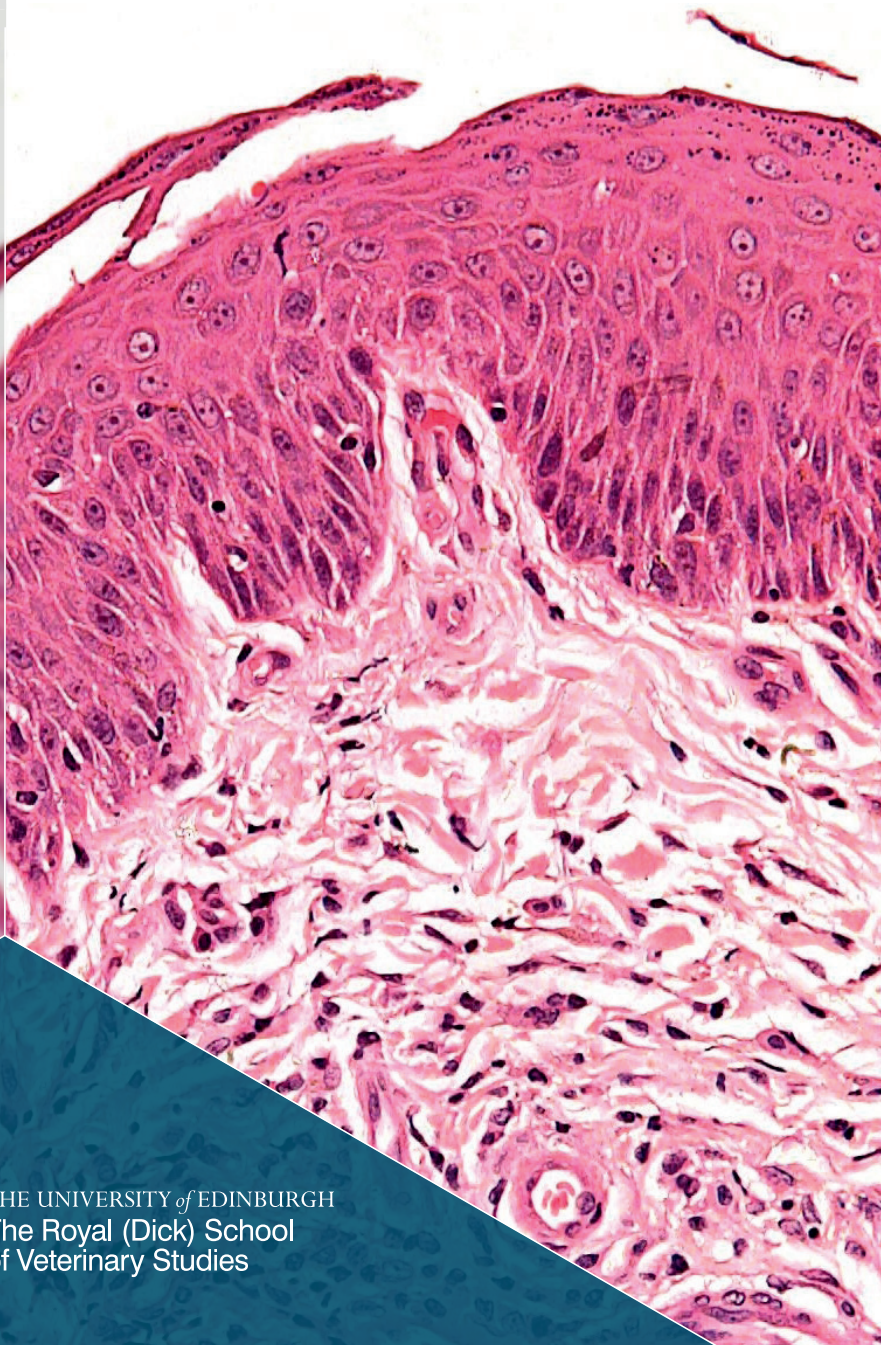


Hospital for Small Animals

Dermatology
Service



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Welcome to The Dermatology Service

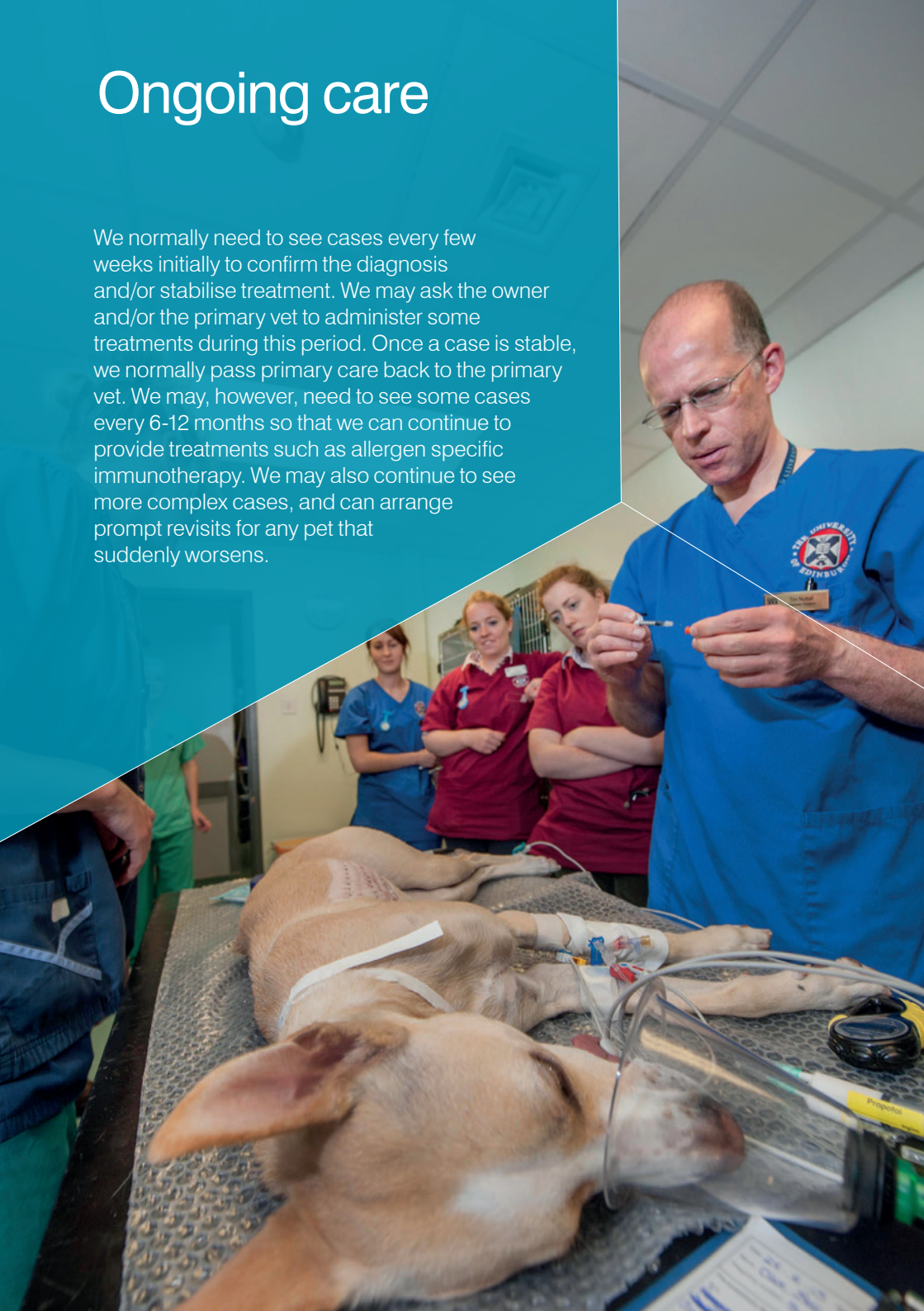
We are a referral service with recognised dermatology specialists, junior staff in training and a dedicated service nurse. We are open for the referral of any dermatology case for one-off or on-going treatment and provide a professional, prompt service to both the referring vet and the owner. Our focus is on communication, animal welfare and quality of life for patients.

The service offers treatment for all companion animals and exotic species. We can also see horses and other large animals with our colleagues in the other Dick Vet hospitals. Based in our dedicated treatment area within the Hospital for Small Animals, we are able to offer comprehensive care, but should the need for a referral to another service arise, our world class staff and facilities enable us to carry out any procedure or treatment within the hospital.

As well as treating clinical cases, we have an ethical clinical research and education programme. This is important in furthering our understanding of skin diseases to improve animal care. Our research interests include the diagnosis, treatment and genetics of atopic dermatitis, bacterial infections and antibiotic resistance. We have also participated in a number of clinical trials that have led to new treatments for atopic dermatitis and other skin diseases.

Ongoing care

We normally need to see cases every few weeks initially to confirm the diagnosis and/or stabilise treatment. We may ask the owner and/or the primary vet to administer some treatments during this period. Once a case is stable, we normally pass primary care back to the primary vet. We may, however, need to see some cases every 6-12 months so that we can continue to provide treatments such as allergen specific immunotherapy. We may also continue to see more complex cases, and can arrange prompt revisits for any pet that suddenly worsens.



Why refer to the Dick Vet?

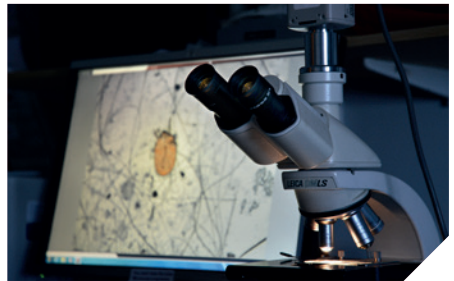
- Senior staff that are recognised Specialists in Veterinary Dermatology
- Prompt referral and a flexible appointment schedule
- Full range of facilities for the investigation and treatment of skin, ear and nail disease in dogs, cats, horses and other species
- Expertise in allergic skin disease, with a full intradermal allergen testing and immunotherapy service (including subcutaneous, sublingual or intralymphatic immunotherapy using one-day and traditional induction protocols)
- Fibre optic video-otoscope for viewing external and middle ear infections
- CT and MRI for imaging the external, middle and inner ears
- Laser surgery for foot, skin and ear lesions
- Excellent hospital staff and facilities with full clinical pathology, microbiology, medicine, neurology, surgery and anaesthesia support
- 24 hour in-patient care, with a dedicated Intensive Care Unit

Common reasons for referral

- Pruritus (all licking, chewing, rubbing and scratching)
- Alopecia (hair loss)
- Nodules
- Pustules
- Scaling and crusting
- Erosions and ulcers
- Otitis (Long standing and recurrent ear problems)
- Claw and hoof disease
- Antibiotic resistant infections

Referring cases

We aim to make the referral process as quick and easy for you as possible. If, as a referring vet, you would like to refer a case, please download a referral form from our website at www.ed.ac.uk/vet/refer and then email HfSAreception@ed.ac.uk or fax **0131 650 7652** the completed form to our reception team. Our reception staff will organise a prompt referral at a time to suit the owner. We have a flexible appointment system to accommodate the owners' needs. Urgent cases can be seen at short notice, including the same day where necessary. Faxing, emailing or posting the clinical history to us is very much appreciated, as are any blood test results and biopsy reports. You can also email (vet.derm@ed.ac.uk) digital photos to us.



Contact during the referral

We will fax or email a referral letter on the same day that the pet is discharged. We can also send the letter in the post if preferred. We will further contact both the owner and primary vet as soon as we have any results or feedback from a client. You can also phone or email us if you have any concerns or queries about a case at any time.

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