

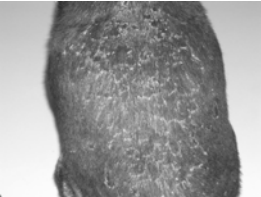
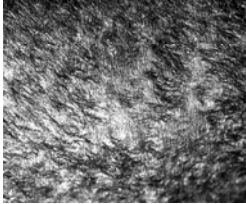
Diagnostic Pearls

- Tendencies I have observed
- Quotes I have remembered
- Mistakes I have made

Pattern of distribution

- Food allergies affect "Ears & Rears"
- Atopy affects medial elbow
- Flea: I don't have to say it

Dermatology Mimickers

Hypothyroidism	Sebaceous adenitis
	

Pustule deceptions

- All pustules are not pyoderma
- Pemphigus foliaceus often misdiagnosed as pyoderma
- Cytology imperative

Pustule deceptions

- If pustules not clearing with antibiotics
- Cytology
 - If bacteria present → culture
 - If bacteria not present → biopsy

Pustule deceptions

- Dermatophytosis can mimic pemphigus foliaceus

Age of onset

- Atopy: any age
 - 1-3 years most common
 - I have diagnosed in 12 week old dogs
- Food allergy: any age
 - Especially important to rule out in older dogs

Allergy misconceptions

- New hypersensitivity must be something new in environment or diet
- Instead, most new allergy caused by a allergen with chronic exposure

Food allergy

- German Shepherds, Shar Peis
- How to "convince" an owner to perform a food trial?
- "They are going to feed them anyway"

Acute, intense pruritus

- When in middle age dogs
- Be CERTAIN to rule out
 - Scabies
 - Dermatophytosis
 - Pemphigus
 - Drug eruption
- In older dogs, also rule out T-cell lymphoma

Stop Saying

- You are over-bathing your dog
- It doesn't matter what he is allergic to, we cant do anything about it anyway
- Allergy testing is to expensive...and then cyclosporine is recommended
