

A simple, step-by-step approach to managing canine pruritus

Created in collaboration with veterinary dermatology specialist Dr Debbie Gow

Step 1

Dog presenting with pruritus

A

Review medical history

1. Signalment
2. Age at onset of itch
3. Diet
4. Predilection sites
5. Skin changes
6. Response to treatment
7. Travel history
8. Systemic signs



B

Clinical examination

Full nose to toes examination of the animal in front of you, noting any areas of diseased skin.

Step 2

Diagnostics

A

Test and treat for ectoparasites

Testing includes skin scrapes, hair plucks and surface sampling. If ectoparasites are present, treat the dog with Bravecto®.

Bravecto® injectable is the only product that delivers 12 months of flea and tick protection with just 1 vet-administered injection.¹

BRAVECTO®
injectable



B

Rule out secondary skin infections* and overgrowths

Look for yeast, bacteria and fungi by surface cytology plus otic cytology.

Step 3

Stop the itch and inflammation using Numelvi®



Step 4

Reassess response to therapy after 10–14 days



If the response is good:

- Continue with Numelvi® and any concurrent therapies
- Consider further triggers, such as food (e.g. initiate food trial)

If the response is poor, re-check:

1. Parasite control
2. Presence of bacterial, yeast and fungal infections
3. Consider other differentials (e.g. bloods, biopsies etc.)
4. Consider food trial

Step 5

Flare-up / recurrence

Follow above steps from Step 1 and repeat path

*Treating infections:

- Chlorhexidine 2% with 2% miconazole
- 3% chlorhexidine
- Hypochlorous acid
- See ISCAID pyoderma guidelines
- Systemic antibiotics indicated for deep infections and where topicals have not resolved superficial infections
- **Please note:** Culture and susceptibility testing is required

ISCAID canine
pyoderma guidelines



Visit the
Numelvi website



Reference: 1. BRAVECTO® 150mg/ml powder and solvent for suspension for injection for dogs. Summary of Product Characteristics.

Numelvi® tablets for dogs contains atinivicitinib. **POM-V.**

BRAVECTO® injectable (BRAVECTO® 150 mg/ml powder and solvent for suspension for injection for dogs) has a 12-month duration of efficacy against flea and tick species indicated on the SPC and contains fluralaner. **POM-V.**

Further information is available from the SPC, datasheet or package leaflet. Advice should be sought from the medicine prescriber. Prescription decisions are for the person issuing the prescription alone. **Use Medicines Responsibly.**

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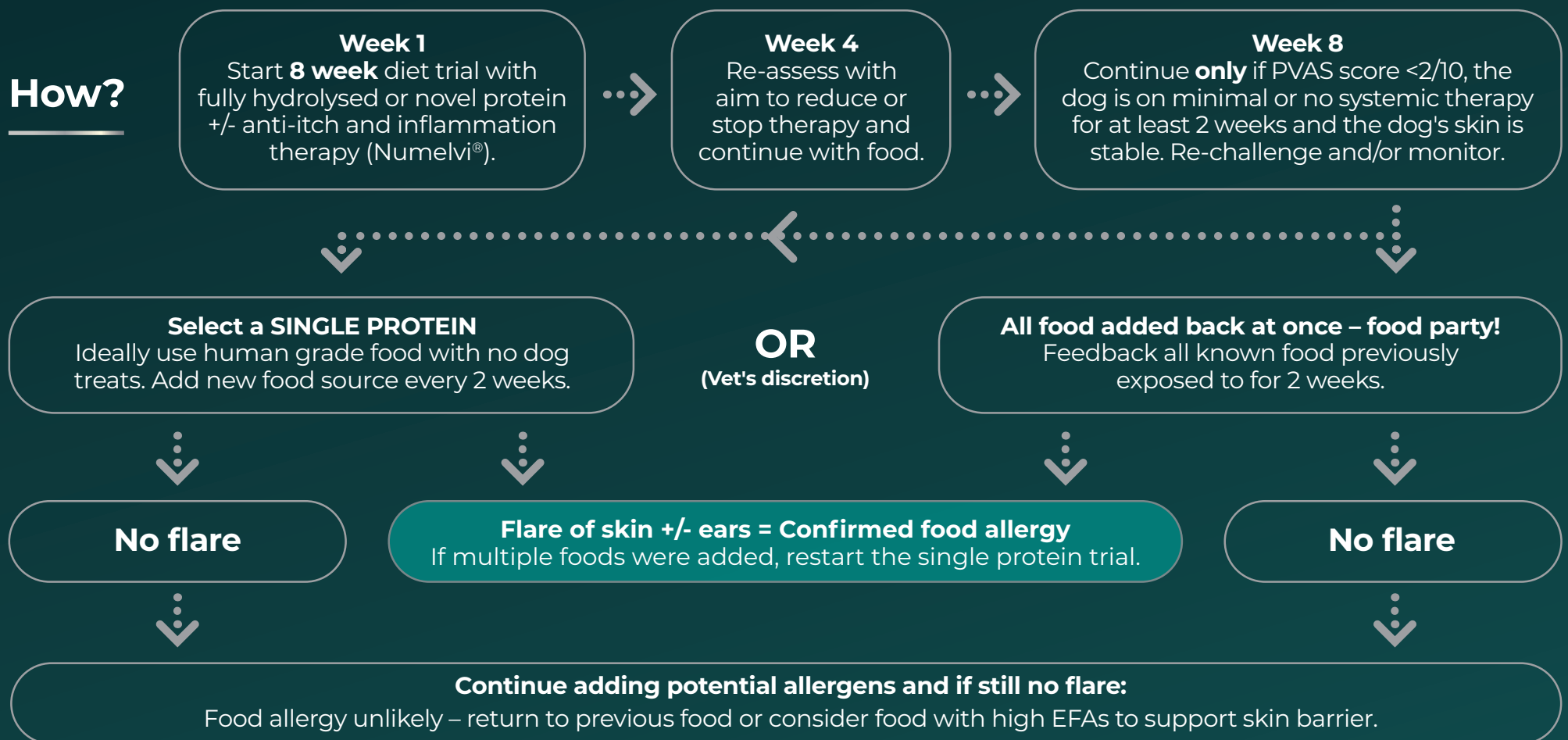
Food trial

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When?

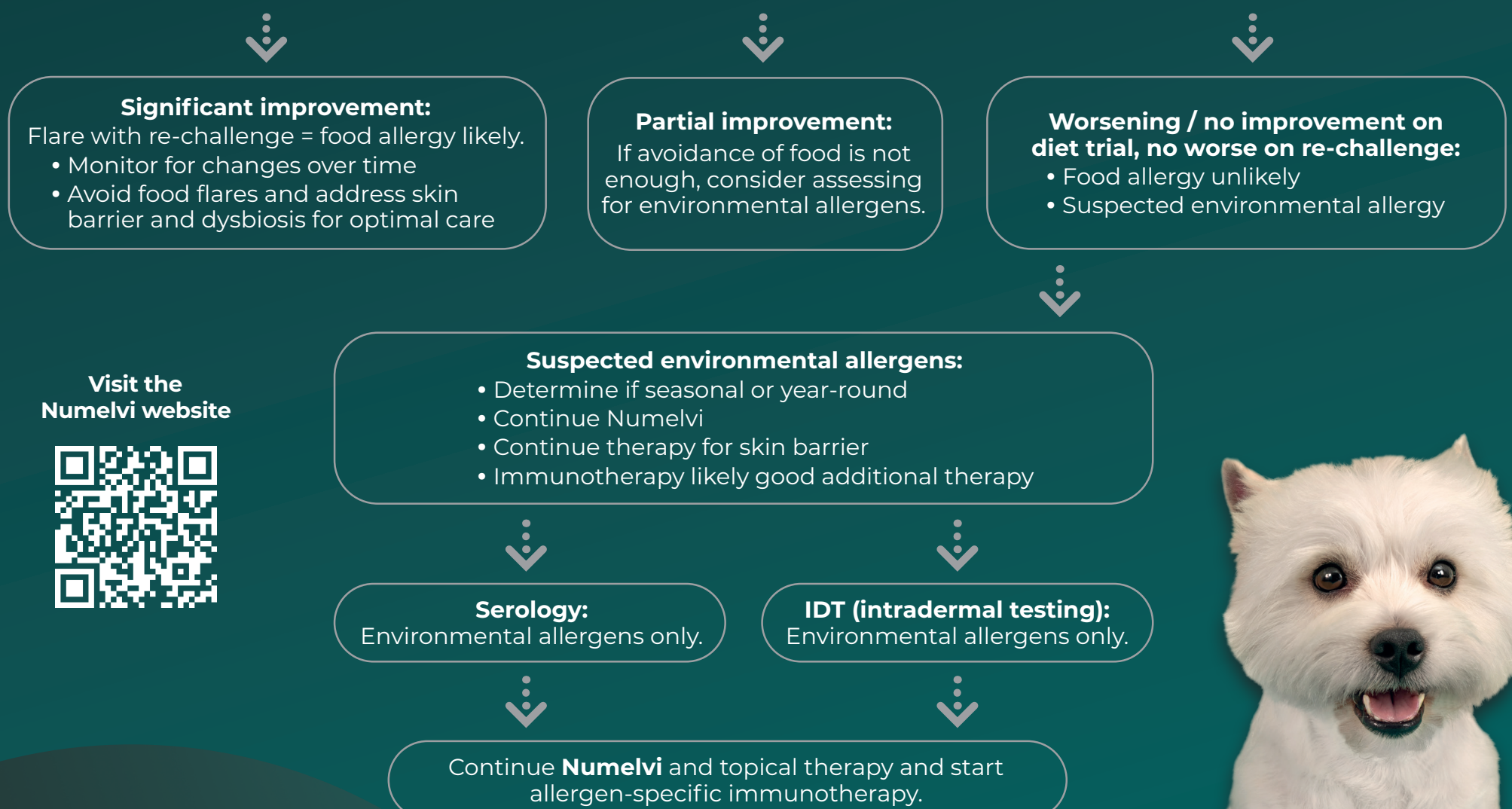
Patient has continued pruritus despite treatment of ectoparasites, secondary infections and systemic causes

How?



Result?

MINIMUM of 8 weeks hydrolysed food – continue Numelvi during diet trial for 6–8 weeks and then assess with re-challenge



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