

This Dog Is Allergic To You!

All thanks to the perseverance of his rescuers, a young, friendly stray dog who was suffering from a mysterious skin condition has been given a new chance to live a normal dog's life.

Robin Herman runs the Lucky Dog Retreat Rescue in Indianapolis. She knew the moment she laid eyes on Adam, the black lab, that she had to try and help him. Adam looked miserable, his fur was patchy and falling out, his exposed skin was flaky, red, and irritated.



Robin assumed the dog had a serious infestation of fleas, but could be nursed back to health fairly easily. "For the most part, it's just a matter of flea treatment, feeding them good food and giving them a stress-free environment," Robin said. "They usually heal up pretty quickly."

The rescue center gave Adam several flea baths and got him 'flea free'. They gave him a healthy nutritious diet and gave him baths which were therapeutic for his skin.

You might think Adam had hit the jackpot and was living a luxurious life in a spa, but not so. After six weeks of this extraordinary treatment, his skin condition didn't improve.

"We fed him the best food possible, got him flea free, gave him special baths twice a week," Robin said. But Adam still had to wear a cone, otherwise he'd scratch and bite at his irritated skin so much that it would end up raw and bloody.

Robin and her staff were befuddled but not discouraged, they were determined to care for Adam and find the cause of his skin problem.

Adam's veterinarian recommended that a blood test be done to determine if it may be an allergic reaction. To find out if

Adam might be allergic to something in his environment, the vet drew some of Adam's blood and sent it off for testing .

When the results of the blood tests came back, Robin thought it was a joke. Adam did have an allergy, it was an allergy to people. Poor Adam was allergic to people. " I laughed. We could not believe the results. Adam, of all things, is allergic to people. I thought the vet was kidding. The vet said she wasn't, and I laughed again," said Robin. "Then she explained that just like people can be allergic to dog dander, dogs can be allergic to human dander. She was surprised too. She'd never seen it before."

Suddenly it all made perfect sense. Everyone who was trying for so long to make Adam better had actually been making him sick!

Now that the cause of Adam's allergy is known, his very own unique medication and treatment plan have been developed. Adam will receive a blood serum and a special regimen of allergy shots. They will help his body build up a tolerance to human dander.

Robin, Adam's vet, and the staff at the Lucky Dog Retreat Rescue are positive that Adam will get better.

Thanks to the tireless dedication from the Lucky Dog Retreat Rescue and monetary donations from the public, Adam will get better. He'll be able to live a happy, normal life with a family that loves him.