

Skin & Coat Product Comparison Chart

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ORAL PRODUCTS

Product:	What it contains/does:	Especially good for:
Maximum Healthy Skin Kit (for dogs)	Premium Plus® Omega-3 Gel Caps and Premium Plus® Healthy Skin Tablets .	Our top recommended product for support of healthy skin. Ingredients help support skins' immune system and overall health.
Premium Plus® Omega-3 Gel Caps (for dogs)	Super-concentrated source of Omega-3 fatty acids.	Nutritional support.
Premium Plus® Healthy Skin Tabs (for dogs)	Combines the potent bioflavonoid and natural antihistamine quercetin with the antioxidants Vitamin C and grape seed extract. Also contains Biotin and beneficial bacteria Lactobacillus to maintain your pet's healthy skin and coat.	Designed for dogs that need increased support of the skin's immune system seasonally or year-round.
Double Strength Omega-3 Soft Chews* (for dogs)	Contain pure, fish-oil-based Omega-3 fatty acids Eicosapentaenoic Acid (EPA) and Docosahexaenoic Acid (DHA), in double the amounts found in our Premium Plus Omega-3 Soft Chewables.	Omega-3 fatty acids from fish oil is the best source of important fatty acids your dog needs for healthy skin support, a healthy immune response, PLUS support for healthy coat, healthy joints, heart health, and kidney health.
Biotin (for dogs and cats)	Biotin is a B vitamin that reportedly increases the efficacy of fatty acids. On its own, biotin is necessary for growth, muscle formation, and the repair of skin and haircoat. Commonly used in combination with fatty acids to enhance their role in inflammatory conditions.	Best for use with oral products containing fatty acids (*starred items) to control allergy symptoms.

<u>Vitacoat® Plus*</u> (for dogs and cats)	Contains flaxseed oil, an effective plant source of Omega-3 fatty acids as well as marine lipids that may play a role in inflammation control. Also contains a high level of antioxidants that are important for controlling inflammation on a cellular level and biotin to boost the effects of fatty acids.	Best for use in an already dry, irritated, allergy-prone skin conditions. Helps reduce dandruff and protect your dog from pollutants in the environment.
<u>Premium Plus® Omega-3 Soft Chewables*</u>	Contains important Omega-3 fatty acids for healthy skin support	Maximum skin support from pure Omega-3 fatty acids. Fish oil is the best source of these important fatty acids dogs and cats need for healthy skin support, a healthy immune response, PLUS healthy joints.
<u>Brewers Yeast*</u> (for dogs and cats)	Brewers yeast is a natural source of B vitamins. The Drs. Foster and Smith brand also contains natural fatty acids, which are commonly used in cases of inflammation.	A good supplement for itch control.

***= Contains fatty acids**

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CLEANSING TOPICALS		
Product:	What it contains/does:	Especially good for:
<u>Hypo-Allergenic Shampoo</u>	Contains no fragrances and no artificial coloring – typical sources of skin irritation.	For cleansing super-sensitive, allergy-prone skin.
<u>Oatmeal Shampoo</u>	Soothing oatmeal helps moisturize dry skin and relieve the itch.	For gentle cleansing of dry, flaky, or irritated skin. Excellent for dogs with allergies. Conditioner also available to nourish skin.
<u>Itch Stop Shampoo</u>	Contains hydrocortisone, lidocaine, and aloe three powerful ingredients that help with itch and inflammation. Fragrance free to prevent reactions.	Pets suffering the itch and irritation of allergies or other conditions that cause the skin to be dry, flaky and itchy.

<u>ChlorhexiDerm® Shampoo</u>	4% chlorhexidine, recommended by veterinarians for cleansing skin.	Pets with bacterial infections of the skin.
<u>Septi-Soothe® Shampoo</u>	Advanced formulation contains chlorhexidine, which is highly recommended by veterinarians for the safe, effective treatment of bacterial skin infections. Fragrance and dye free to prevent reactions.	Pets with bacterial skin infections. May also help in the management of yeast infections.
<u>Malaseb® Shampoo</u>	2% Miconazole Nitrate, an effective antifungal agent, and 2% chlorhexidine, recommended for bacterial infections.	Formulated to treat susceptible skin infections, including some bacterial and some fungal infections.
<u>Oatmeal Conditioner</u>	Moisturizes with natural Oat Beta Glucan while soothing dry, irritated skin.	Use after washing with any shampoo to moisturize dry, irritated skin.

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COMFORTING TOPICALS

Product:	What it contains/does:	Especially good for:
<u>Itch Stop Series</u> (for dogs, cats, and horses)	Contains 0.5% hydrocortisone, a mild topical steroid, which will stop the itch temporarily. Available in spray, shampoo, lotion, salve, and pads.	For allergies manifested in the skin, hydrocortisone has been shown effective in stopping incessant itching. Commonly used as a spray, salve, or liquid-soaked pad between toes to stop constant licking.
<u>Septi-Soothe® Treatments</u> (for dogs, cats, small pets, and horses)	Water-based soothing formula which contains antibacterial chlorhexidine. For raw, scratched areas, such as hot spots. Available in spray, salve, or pads.	If your dog has been diagnosed with a hot spot, follow your veterinarian's instructions. Used to soothe the irritated area while chlorhexidine controls secondary bacterial infections.

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Ear Care

Product:	What it contains/does:	Especially good for:
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<u>Ear Clens® Pads/Solution</u>	Propylene Glycol, Malic Acid, Salicylic Acid, and Benzoic Acid break up ear wax and change the pH in your pet's ear to inhibit growth of harmful bacteria and fungus.	The most effective way to keep ear canal and inner folds healthy, clean, and smelling fresh. Use solution inside ear canal and pads to wipe out debris.
<u>Ear Clens® Powder</u>	5% Iodoform keeps ears dry, clean and healthy and preventing growth of bacteria and fungus.	Use after cleansing with a solution to keep ear canals dry; also makes it easier to grip hair inside ears to remove.
<u>Ear Clens® Kit</u>	4 oz Ear Clens® Solution, 1 oz Ear Powder, and 90 ct Ear Clens® Pads.	Use to provide your pet with a complete ear-cleansing program.

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<u>Septi-Soothe® Treatments</u> (for dogs, cats, small pets, and horses)	Contains 3 types of water-based soothing products as an antiseptic first aid approach: Septi-Soothe™ Mist, Septi-Soothe™ Salve, and gentle pre-medicated Septi-Soothe™ Pads. Formulated to work together to soothe irritation.	Use to maintain healthy skin and to soothe the itch of hot spots and other skin irritations. Mist provides quick relief from allergies, hot spots or other skin irritations; salve provides antiseptic topical treatment for smaller areas as well as for minor cuts and abrasions; and pads provide relief from scrapes and other small irritated areas May be used in conjunction with oral allergy treatments.
<u>Itch Stop Series</u> (for dogs, cats, and horses)	All four products in this pack: lotion, pads, salve, and spray, contain 0.5% hydrocortisone, recommended for easing the itch that allergies can bring on so strongly.	Best for dogs with allergic inflammation when used on a temporary basis. Also may be used in conjunction with an oral allergy regimen.

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