

Skin & Coat Product Comparison Chart

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ORAL PRODUCTS

Product:	What it contains/does:	Especially good for:
<u>Maximum Healthy Skin Kit</u> (for dogs)	<u>Premium Plus® Omega-3 Gel Caps</u> and <u>Premium Plus® Healthy Skin Tablets</u> .	Our top recommended product for support of healthy skin. Ingredients help support skins' immune system and overall health.
<u>Premium Plus® Omega-3 Gel Caps</u> (for dogs)	Super-concentrated source of Omega-3 fatty acids.	Nutritional support.
<u>Premium Plus® Healthy Skin Tabs</u> (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.
<u>Premium Plus® Skin & Coat Tabs</u> (for dogs)	Contains fish oil and flaxseed oils, both sources of Omega-3 fatty acids, evening primrose oil and safflower oil, which contain Omega-6 fatty acids and the antioxidants Vitamin C and Vitamin E.	Omega-3 and Omega-6 fatty acids are in a ratio appropriate for dry skin. This is the only flavored fatty acid supplement, excellent for finicky dogs that don't care for liquids or capsules.
<u>Premium Plus® AntioxiTabs®</u> (for dogs and cats)	Contains Vitamin C, which has some antihistamine activity, fat soluble Vitamin E, which protects the lipid (fat) parts of the cells, beta-carotene, a form of vitamin A, Zinc, a mineral that helps to maintain the health of cell membranes, Selenium, an important antioxidant enzyme that works synergistically with	Antioxidants protect the body from free radicals, which can increase the risk of cancer, and accelerate the aging process. Antioxidants may slow the progression of

	Vitamin E, Quercetin, a bioflavonoid, which stabilizes cell membranes, Bromelain, which enhances the absorption of quercetin, Alpha lipoic acid, important to maintain the health of small cellular structures, Rutin, a bioflavonoid that scavenges certain types of free radicals, and Lycopene, a carotenoid that has the highest antioxidant activity of all carotenoids.	some of the behavioral changes we see in older pets. Antioxidants reduce damage to the liver from certain drugs or toxins.
<u>Biotin</u> (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>Vitacaps®*</u> (for dogs and cats). Available in liquid and capsules.	Contains a high concentration of Omega-3 marine lipid fatty acids, which can be used in inflammatory conditions, and antioxidants including zinc, which is necessary to help your pet begin to build healthy skin.	Best to use for ongoing allergy problems of marine lipids and antioxidants. When combined with Biotin, Vitacaps are great to use in cases of itching and irritated skin.
<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 also 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:
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<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:
<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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<p><u>Septi-Soothe® Treatments</u> (for dogs, cats, small pets, and horses)</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p><u>Itch Stop Series</u> (for dogs, cats, and horses)</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Best for dogs with allergic inflammation when used on a temporary basis. Also may be used in conjunction with an oral allergy regimen.</p>

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