

Quick Tips: Food Allergies

Does your cat have a food allergy? Look for these signs.

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Cats can develop allergies to virtually any cat food ingredient. Allergies can be manifested as skin problems, specifically severe itching. Scratching can result in significant hair loss. If a cat develops an allergy, it is important to identify and eliminate the responsible ingredient. Your veterinarian, or a veterinary dermatologist, can perform sensitivity testing to identify the ingredient containing the allergen. Several commercial diets are available containing "novel" ingredients that are unlikely to cause allergies in your cat.