

# What to Expect

## Dermatology Service



### Michigan Veterinary Specialists<sup>sm</sup>

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#### Available Services

- 24/7 Emergency & Critical Care
- Cardiology
- Computed Tomography
- Dermatology & Allergy
- Internal Medicine
- Interventional Radiology
- MRI
- Neurology
- Neurosurgery
- Oncology
- Oncologic Surgery
- Ophthalmology
- Orthopedic Surgery
- Radiology & Fluoroscopy
- Radiation Therapy
- Soft Tissue Surgery
- Ultrasound

#### Locations

##### **Auburn Hills**

3412 E. Walton Blvd.  
(West of Squirrel Rd.)  
(248) 371-3713

##### **Grand Rapids**

1425 Michigan St. NE  
(East of Fuller Rd.)  
(616) 284-5300

##### **Southfield**

29080 Inkster Rd.  
(North of 12 Mile Rd.)  
(248) 354-6660

Welcome to Michigan Veterinary Specialists. Our staff looks forward to meeting you and your pet. We strive to provide the best care available for our patients and clients.

What can you expect at your initial consultation with Dr. Candice Benuck? The appointment will last about 2-3 hours, so please plan your day accordingly.

Dr. Benuck will spend about the first ½ hour of your appointment reviewing your pet's medical record, which we will obtain from your veterinarian beforehand. Some pets may be admitted to the clinic for the day if the testing will take longer than the allotted time. We have reading materials available while you wait, or you may prefer to bring your own book or magazine.

During your appointment, Dr. Benuck will take a detailed history. She will then perform a dermatologic and otoscopic (ear) examination and recommend appropriate testing. We will present you with an estimate of the fees before any tests are performed. Based on the findings, the doctor will form a treatment plan for your pet.

#### **TO PREPARE YOUR PET FOR THIS APPOINTMENT**

1. Please do not bath your pet prior to this appointment.
2. If possible, please do not feed your pet for 12 hours prior to the appointment.
3. If your pet is currently receiving thyroid replacement therapy, you may give the usual dosage.
4. ORAL steroids (cortisone, prednisone, prednisolone, dexamethasone, triamcinolone, Temaril-P, etc.) and TOPICAL steroids (Animax, Genesis spray, Gentocin, Mometamax, Otomax, Panalog, Resicort, Synotic, Burotic, Tresaderm, Tritop, etc.) should be discontinued **4 weeks** prior to the exam only IF POSSIBLE. Some animals are too uncomfortable to stop the medication. We can still evaluate your pet, but may not be able to perform all tests required at the first visit.
5. Antibiotics and antifungals should be stopped 14 days before the exam if possible. Please check with your veterinarian to make sure this is acceptable.
6. Anti-inflammatory medication (aspirin, rimadyl, antihistamines, fatty acid supplements) should also be discontinued 14 days before the exam if possible.

Thank you for booking an appointment with us. We look forward to helping you and your pet. If you have any questions, please call us.

