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Allergen Information

Grasses



Your Veterinary Surgeon will tick which allergens your animal has tested positive to.





Timothy-grass

(*Phleum pratense*)



Is an abundant perennial grass native to most of Europe except for the Mediterranean region. It grows to 50–150 cm tall, with leaves up to 45 cm long and 1 cm broad. The flowerhead is 7–15 cm long and 8–10 mm broad, with densely packed spikelets. Plants persist through the winter. Dead, straw-coloured flowering stems may persist, but only for a short time, and are recognized by the distinctive spike-like inflorescence.

Cocksfoot

(*Dactylis glomerata*)



This dense, tufted perennial grass has bluish-green leaves that are flattened at the base and are sharply pointed. The long flowering stems are topped with pyramidal, branched, densely packed, purplish flower spikelets vaguely reminiscent of a chicken's foot, hence the name.

This plant is often found in woodland rides, meadows, and rough grassland. It is an important ingredient of hay meadows and natural pastures.



Clover (*Trifolium*)



Or trefoil, is a Genus of about 300 species of plants in the pea Family *Fabaceae*. The genus has a cosmopolitan distribution; the highest diversity is found in the temperate Northern

Hemisphere, but many species also occur in South America and Africa, including at high altitudes on mountains in the tropics. They are small annual, biennial, or short-lived perennial herbaceous plants. The leaves are trifoliate (rarely 5- or 7-foliate), with stipules adnate to the leaf-stalk, and heads or dense spikes of small red, purple, white, or yellow flowers; the small, few-seeded pods are enclosed in the calyx.

The scientific name derives from the Latin tres, "three", and folium, "leaf", so called from the characteristic form of the leaf, which has three leaflets (trifoliate); hence the popular name trefoil.

Redtop (*Agrostis gigantea*)



Is known by its common name Redtop, is a perennial grass of the Genus *Agrostis*. It is native to Europe, but in the cooler areas of North America was widely used as a pasture grass until the 1940s. Although it has largely been replaced by soybeans and more

palatable grasses, it still gets some use in poor soils. It generally does well in response to fires, due to survival of rhizomes and seeds.





Ryegrass (*Lolium perenne*)



Is a genus of nine species of tufted grasses, Family *Poaceae*. Also called tares (even though there is no firm evidence that this is the same as the plant given that name in English language translations of the Bible - vetches are another candidate).

These plants are native to Europe, Asia and northern Africa, but are widely cultivated and naturalised elsewhere. Ryegrasses are closely related to the fescues *Festuca*. Ryegrass should not be confused with Rye, which is a grain crop.

Meadow Grass (*Poa annua*)



Is a perennial which grows between 30 and 120cm, flowering from June until July. It has a short ligule compared to other grasses, and is an important forage crop.

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