

# Life on Apoquel



Apoquel is an oral (pill) **anti-itch** dermatology drug from

Zoetis that **caused cancer** in up to 12% of test animals.

That was in Zoetis' own reports for the FDA/EPA. Nobody was trying to "expose" anything.

Apoquel works by crushing part of the immune system. Sort of the part that causes a dog to 'over-react' itchily in the skin. (But also *part* of the part that prevents skin cancers like cutaneous T-cell lymphoma.)

But this cancer rate has kept a lot of people with "sort of frequent" allergy issues OFF OF IT and I think that's great. MY thinking: Why risk cancer (cutaneous T-cell Lymphoma) for "occasional allergy flareups"?

But, there are **dogs who are almost-always red**, balding, crusty, itchy,

**MISERABLE**. Crying. And the owners who listen to them suffering in their own skins, night after night. When the owner comes in and says "*I honestly think Cinderblock would be better off dead than living like this.*" -- THAT is when I think about **Apoquel**.

I have put at least 7 dogs on Apoquel over the years. And **three** things happen:

- 1. They don't itch anymore and it's amazing.**
2. They get serious infections in their feet sometimes.
3. *One of them died of Lymphoma already.*

## SO what is life like on Apoquel? What Can You Expect?

### **1. The dog stops itching almost entirely**

2. Dogs take the medicine at "some level and interval" for the very very long term.
3. They don't have steroid-thirst and hunger anymore

### **4. They pee a LOT less without the steroid**

5. They predictably get infections in their feet once or twice a year
6. They have a 92% chance of NOT getting cancer
7. Their coat gets healthy and the owners are happy.