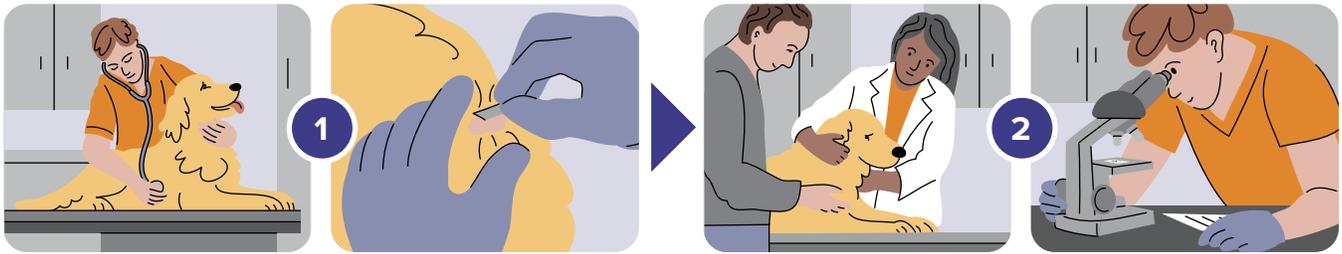


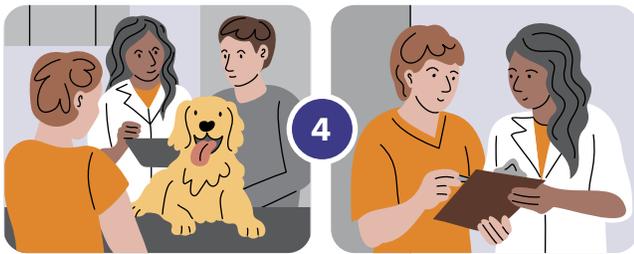
FIGURE 7

Flowchart of Technician Utilization for Allergic Skin Diseases: One Veterinarian and Two Technicians



Tech 1 in Exam 1 obtains a detailed dermatologic history and quick physical examination, and collects the minimum dermatologic database (flea combing/cytologies/skin scrapings).

Dr. enters the room, performs a physical exam, and asks additional history/follow-up questions **WHILE Tech 1** is processing slides and documenting findings.



Tech 1 brings results to Dr. in Exam 1. Final plan is formed.



Tech 2 in Exam 2 obtains history, quick physical exam, and minimum database.



Dr. moves to Exam 2 to conduct a physical exam of the patient and discussion with the client. **Tech 2** is processing and documenting minimum database results.



Tech 1 implements the plan for the patient in Exam 1, acquires further diagnostics, gathers prescriptions, and instructs the client on administration, expectations, and follow-ups.



Dr. moves on to the next exam room, and **Tech 2** implements the plan for the patient in Exam 2.



Tech 2 brings results to Dr. in Exam 2, and the final plan is formed.

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