Medicated Ear Flush with Hydrocortisone - Main

Medicated Ear Flush with Hydrocortisone - Cats

Medicated Ear Flush with Hydrocortisone - Dogs

Trade Names:

MalAcetic Ultra® Otic Cleanser, Oticetic Flush, Medicated, Zymox® Otic Hydrocortisone 1%, Zymox® Plus Otic Hydrocortisone 1.0% Advanced Formula, Zymox® Plus Otic Hydrocortisone Free Advanced Formula

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Medicated Ear Flush with Hydrocortisone is used in dogs, cats and horses to clean and soothe the ear during an active ear infection. Medicated Ear Flush with Hydrocortisone usually contains a drying agent as well as a cleaning agent that is active against bacteria. Removing excess debris and wax from an infected ear is an important component of successfully treating ear disease as it allows for other medications to penetrate deeper into the canal. The hydrocortisone helps to reduce the inflammation (redness, swelling, itching and irritation) in corticosteroid responsive external ear conditions.

REASONS FOR PRESCRIBING: To assist with cleaning and promote drying the ear during an active ear infection To reduce inflammation, itching and irritation

WHAT ANIMALS SHOULD NOT RECEIVE THIS MEDICATION?

Animals with a ruptured ear drum

Animals with a known hypersensitivity or allergy to any of the ingredients

DIRECTIONS: Read and follow the prescription label carefully. Consult with your veterinarian regarding the frequency of cleaning during an active ear infection. Do not skip or stop cleaning without consulting your veterinarian. Cleaning frequency may be adjusted based upon an assessment of how your animal is responding clinically. Wait until after the ear is clean and dry before administering any medications into the ear. It may be necessary to clip excess hair from around the ear to assist with cleaning and applying medications. Avoid getting this product in your animal's eyes, nose, or mouth. If you are having difficulty cleaning the ear or your animal is in discomfort, contact your veterinarian. This medication should take effect within 1 to 2 days. You should see improvements in your pet's clinical signs. Call ahead for refills. Ideally, give this medication at the same time(s) daily.

CLEANING THE EAR:

Check label directions and shake the bottle if necessary

Lift the ear flap so that it is pointing straight up

Apply the ear flush liberally into the canal

Massage near the base of the ear to encourage the debris to soften

Allow your pet to shake their head to assist with removal of the fluid and debris

Wipe away any loose debris from the ear flap and canal with a cloth, gauze or cotton ball

You may need to repeat several times depending on the amount of debris that is present

Do not use cotton applicator swabs in the canal due to potential for injury

Wash your hands after cleaning your animal's ears

Always praise and reward your animal to encourage cooperation

WHAT IF A CLEANING IS MISSED?

If a cleaning is missed, go back to the normal cleaning schedule as soon as possible. Remember to allow for drying time if you are also applying ear medications.

WHAT TO TELL/ASK YOUR VETERINARIAN BEFORE USING THIS MEDICATION?

Talk to your veterinarian about:

When your animal will need to be rechecked

How often does your animal's ears need to be cleaned

What tests may need to be performed prior to and during treatment with the Medicated Ear Flush with Hydrocortisone

What are the risks and benefits of using the Medicated Ear Flush with Hydrocortisone

Tell your veterinarian about:

If your animal has experienced previous ear problems

If your animal has experienced side effects on other drugs/products

If your animal has experienced digestive upset now or ever

If your animal has experienced liver or kidney disease now or ever

If your animal has experienced any other medical problems or allergies now or ever

All medicines and supplements that you are giving your animal or plan to give your animal, including those you can get without a prescription. Your veterinarian may want to check that all of your animal's medications can be used together.

If your animal is pregnant, nursing or if you plan to breed your animal

STORAGE AND WARNINGS:

Medicated Ear Flush with Hydrocortisone should be stored in a childproof container in a cool, dry place at room temperature away from heat and direct sunlight.

Avoid contact with eyes. In case of contact, flush eyes with water and seek medical attention if irritation persists.

Keep this and all medication out of reach of children and animals.

Wash hands after using.

Call your physician immediately if you accidentally ingest this product.

POTENTIAL SIDE EFFECTS:

If redness, irritation, or swelling persists or increases, discontinue use and consult your veterinarian

If you notice anything unusual, contact your veterinarian

This short-acting medication should stop working within 24 hours, although effects may last longer in pets with liver or kidney disease

CAN THIS DRUG BE USED WITH OTHER MEDICATIONS?

Do not give new food or medications without first talking to your veterinarian

If your animal experiences any unusual reactions when taking multiple medications, contact your veterinarian

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I KNOW OF OR SUSPECT THERE HAS BEEN AN OVERDOSE?

Contact your veterinarian immediately if your animal has accidentally ingested this medication or has received more than the prescribed amount.

WHAT ELSE SHOULD I KNOW?

Notify your veterinarian if your animal's condition does not improve or worsens despite this treatment.

It is important to have any ear problems assessed by a veterinarian prior to applying any medications as incorrect treatment can result in damage to the ear.

Discuss with your veterinarian what is recommended to treat underlying conditions that may predispose your animal to reoccurring ear problems.

This is just a summary of information about Medicated Ear Flush with Hydrocortisone. If you have any questions or concerns about Medicated Ear Flush with Hydrocortisone or the condition it was prescribed for, please contact your veterinarian.