Gentamicin + Betamethasone Spray - Main

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General Description:

This topical spray contains an antibacterial and an anti-inflammatory drug. It is useful for treating superficial lesions in dogs caused by bacteria susceptible to gentamicin. It also helps reduce the accompanying inflammation and itching. It is available only by prescription from a licensed veterinarian.

What is this drug?

A combination of an aminoglycoside antibiotic (gentamicin sulfate) and a glucocorticoid (betamethasone valerate)

Used topically

Reasons for prescribing:

For use in dogs for the treatment of infected superficial lesions accompanied by inflammation and/or itching. Gentamicin treats the bacterial infection while betamethasone helps with the swelling and itching.

Animal Precautions:

This medication is labeled for use in dogs and should be administered only when and as prescribed by a licensed veterinarian

Use of this medication in any other species should be in consultation with a veterinarian

Use of this prescribed medication in animals with any of the following conditions should be limited to those who are under the supervision of a veterinarian:

Pets with a viral or fungal infection

Safety has not been established in:

Pregnant animals

Animals with a known hypersensitivity or allergy to this or related products should not be given this medication

Directions:

Read and follow the label carefully.

Your veterinarian may want to perform a culture evaluation of the lesion prior to starting this medication.

Prior to use, remove excessive hair from the treatment area. Clean and dry the lesion and adjacent area.

To use, hold the spray bottle 3 to 6 inches from the lesion.

Follow your veterinarians directions for the number of sprays per day and duration of treatment.

Therapy is usually for 7 consecutive days only.

Do not increase the dosage or use longer than instructed. Adverse reactions and toxicities can occur.

This medication will take effect quickly, in about 1 to 2 hours, but its effects may not be visibly noticeable for a few days.

What if a dose is missed?

If a treatment is missed, perform it as soon as you can. If it is time already for the next treatment, skip the missed treatment and go back to the normal schedule.

What to tell/ask your veterinarian before giving this medication?

Talk to your veterinarian about:

When will your pet need to be rechecked

What tests may need to be performed prior to and during treatment with this drug

What are the safety concerns when using this product in different species

What are the risks and benefits of using this drug

Tell your veterinarian about:

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

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

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

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

Storage and Warnings:

Store between 2° and 30°C (36° and 86°F) away from moisture and heat. Shake bottle well before use.

Wash your hands before and after use. Use in a well-ventilated area when applying medication.

Do not allow your pet to ingest this product. Avoid getting it in your pet's eyes.

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

Call your physician immediately if you accidentally take this product.

Potential side effects:

Serious side effects are unlikely if used as directed for no longer than 7 days of therapy

Cushing's syndrome, delayed wound healing and immunosuppression have been reported in patients with prolonged or repeated steroid therapy

Some pets show side effects to the corticosteroids. These could include: increased thirst and urination, panting, diarrhea, vomiting and behavior changes.

Gentamicin can cause premature birth in pregnant animals. Corticosteroids can cause birth defects during the first phase of pregnancy.

If you notice any unusual symptoms, discontinue use and 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 given with other medications?

Yes, but do not give or use other corticosteroids or aminogylcoside antibiotics during treatment with this medication unless prescribed by your veterinarian

If ingested, there is an increased risk of stomach ulcers in pets also taking non-steroidal anti-inflammatories like aspirin, carprofen, etodolac, etc.

If your pet 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?

Early signs of overdose or toxicity include loss of hearing or balance or vomiting. If you see these signs, know or suspect an overdose, contact your veterinarian immediately.

What else should I know?

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

As with all prescribed medicines, Gentamicin + Betamethasone Spray should only be used on the pet for which it was prescribed. It should also only be used for the condition for which it was prescribed, at the prescribed dose, as directed by your veterinarian.