

PRESCRIPTION ANIMAL REMEDY
KEEP OUT OF THE REACH OF CHILDREN
FOR ANIMAL TREATMENT ONLY

OPTIMMUNE[®] OPHTHALMIC OINTMENT

ACTIVE CONSTITUENT: 2 mg/g CYCLOSPORIN

3.5g tube

For the treatment of idiopathic chronic keratoconjunctivitis sicca (KCS) and chronic superficial keratitis (CSK) in dogs.

DIRECTIONS FOR USE

Dosage and administration

Remove debris from affected eye(s) with suitable non-irritating solution.

For KCS apply a 6 mm strip of ointment to the affected eye(s) every 12 hours.

For CSK apply a 6-10 mm strip of ointment to the affected eye(s) every 12 hours.

Place the ointment directly on the cornea or into the conjunctival sac. Continue treatment while condition persists. Dogs afflicted with KCS or CSK may require lifelong consistent therapy.

General directions

For best results in treating KCS the ointment should be administered early in the course of the disease before irreversible damage to the lacrimal tissue, or dense corneal scarring or pigmentation occurs. It is recommended that dogs exhibiting chronic recurring conjunctivitis be tested for adequate tear production.

The clinical effect of OPTIMMUNE Ophthalmic Ointment has not been determined in dogs with KCS due to the following conditions: congenital alacrima, sulfonamide usage, canine distemper virus, metabolic disease, surgical removal of the third eyelid gland and facial nerve paralysis with loss of the palpebral reflex. Several days to a few weeks of application may be required before the clinical effects of Optimune are of sufficient magnitude to allow the safe withdrawal of previously initiated therapy.

Abrupt withdrawal of a therapeutic agent immediately upon initiation of treatment with Optimune can result in rapid clinical relapse.

Contraindications/precautions

Do not use if pre-existing viral or fungal ocular infections are present. Delay use until such infections have been successfully treated

The safety of Optimune in puppies, pregnant bitches, or dogs used for breeding has not been determined.

On rare occasions, instillation of OPTIMMUNE may be associated with stinging. If this persists beyond 7 days treatment should be withdrawn.

Additional information is in the Material Safety Data Sheet.

Dispose of empty container by wrapping with paper and putting in garbage.

Store below 25°C (Air conditioning).

New Zealand Information

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