

Prescription Label

Patient Name:

Species:

Drug Name & Strength:

Directions (amount to give how often & for how long):

Prescribing Veterinarian's Name & Contact Information:

Refills:

[Content to be provided by prescribing veterinarian]

Triamcinolone, Topical

(trye-am-*sin*-ohe-lone)

Description:

Topical corticosteroid agent for treatment of skin irritation due to allergies

Other Names for this Medication:

Genesis[®], Medalone[®]

Common Dosage Forms:

Veterinary: 0.015% Spray; may be found in different concentrations in a variety of combination products. **Human:** Ointment, cream, lotion, spray in 0.025%, 0.05%, 0.1%, & 0.5%.

This information sheet does not contain all available information for this medication and has not been reviewed by FDA Center for Veterinary Medicine. This sheet can help answer commonly asked questions but is not a substitute for medical advice. If you have other questions or need more information about this medication, contact your veterinarian or pharmacist.

Key Information

- ▶ Labeled for use in dogs to treat itching, skin irritation, and skin rashes due to allergies.
- ▶ Do not apply close to the patient's eyes.
- ▶ Prevent animal from licking or grooming the area for at least 20 to 30 minutes after application.
- ▶ Stop use of this medicine at least 2 weeks prior to allergy testing.
- ▶ Pregnant women should wear disposable gloves when applying this product to their animal; avoid inhalation of vapors from the spray.
- ▶ Dispose of package and unused product in regular trash. Do not rinse down drain.

How is this medication useful?

The FDA (U.S. Food & Drug Administration) has approved this drug for use in dogs for treating itching, skin irritation, and skin rashes related to allergies. The FDA allows veterinarians to prescribe and use products containing this drug in different species or for other conditions in certain situations. You and your veterinarian can discuss why this medicine is the most appropriate choice.

What should I tell my veterinarian to see if this medication can be safely given?

Many things might affect how well this drug will work in your animal. Be sure to discuss the following with your veterinarian so together you can make the best treatment decisions.

- ▶ Other drugs can interact with this medication, so be sure to tell your veterinarian and pharmacist what medications (including vitamins, supplements, or herbal therapies) you give your animal, including the amount and time you give each.
- ▶ Tell your veterinarian about any conditions or diseases your animal may have now or has had in the past.
- ▶ If your animal has been treated for the same disease or condition in the past, tell your veterinarian about the treatment and how well it did or didn't work.
- ▶ If your animal is pregnant or nursing, talk to your veterinarian about the risks of using this drug.
- ▶ Tell your veterinarian and pharmacist about any medication side effects (including allergic reactions, lack of appetite, diarrhea, itching, hair loss) your animal has developed in the past.

How long until I will know if this medication is working, and how long will the effects of this medication last?

This medication should help your animal feel better within 1 to 2 hours. Your animal's clinical signs should improve after that time. The effects of this medication are moderate in duration, meaning they may last for a few days, although the benefits may be prolonged if your animal has decreased kidney and/or liver function.

When should this medication not be used or be used very carefully?

No drug is 100% safe in all patients, but your veterinarian will discuss with you any specific concerns about using this drug in your animal.

This drug **SHOULD NOT** be used in patients:

- ▶ That are allergic to triamcinolone or propylene glycol
- ▶ With tuberculosis of the skin

This drug should be used **WITH CAUTION** in patients:

- ▶ That are used for breeding or that are pregnant or nursing
- ▶ Weighing less than 8 lb
- ▶ Less than 1 year of age
- ▶ With diabetes mellitus (ie, sugar diabetes)
- ▶ With Cushing's disease (hyperadrenocorticism)
- ▶ That are also taking a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory medication (eg, carprofen, meloxicam, robenacoxib)

If your animal matches any of these conditions, talk to your veterinarian about the potential risks versus benefits.

What are the side effects of this medication?

Side effects that usually are not serious include:

- ▶ Increased appetite, thirst, and need to urinate
- ▶ Sneezing
- ▶ Watery eyes
- ▶ Discomfort with application

If any of these signs are severe, worsen, or continue to be a problem, contact your veterinarian.

Side effects that may be serious or indicate a serious problem:

- ▶ Stomach or intestinal ulcers/perforation/bleeding, which can cause decreased appetite, black tarry stools, bloody vomit (coffee ground appearance), or low energy level.
- ▶ If giving this medication for several weeks or more, monitor for weight gain, pot-bellied appearance, skin or coat changes, hair loss, or weakness.

If you notice any of these signs, discontinue use of the medication and contact your veterinarian immediately.

If my animal gets too much of this medication (an overdose), what should I do?

If you witness or suspect an overdose, contact your veterinarian or an animal poison control center for further advice. Animal poison control centers open 24-hours a day include: **Pet Poison HELPLINE** (855-764-7661) and **ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center** (888-426-4435); a consultation fee may be charged for these services.

How should this medication be given?

For this medication to work properly, give it exactly as your veterinarian has prescribed. Check the prescription label and package information to be sure you are giving the drug correctly.

- ▶ Apply a thin amount of medication to affected area(s) as directed by your veterinarian. Do not apply more of the medicine than what has been prescribed.
- ▶ Avoid getting spray in the animal's eyes.
- ▶ If you have difficulty applying this medication to your animal, contact your veterinarian or pharmacist for tips to help with dosing and reduce the stress of medication time for both you and your animal.
- ▶ This medication can be given for various lengths of time. Be sure you understand how long the veterinarian wants you to continue giving this medication. Prescription refills may be necessary before the therapy will be complete. If you want to stop giving this medication, talk to your veterinarian, as there may be important reasons to continue giving it.

What should I do if I miss giving a dose of this medication?

If you miss a dose, give it when you remember, but if it is close enough to the time for the next dose, skip the dose you missed, and give it at the next scheduled time. After that, return to the regular dosing schedule. Do not double-up or give extra doses.

How should I store this medication?

- ▶ Store this medication in the original prescription bottle at room temperature (59°F – 86°F) and protected from light.
- ▶ If your veterinarian or pharmacist has prepared (compounded) a special formulation for your animal, follow the storage recommendations and expiration date for the product.
- ▶ Keep away from children and other animals.

Can handling this medication be hazardous to me, my family, or other animals?

- ▶ Because of the risk of skin absorption, all people should wear gloves when applying this medication.
- ▶ Pregnant women and people who are allergic to this drug should be very careful not to accidentally come in contact with it. **Because this drug has a higher risk for causing birth defects, pregnant women should wear disposable gloves when giving doses or handling the drug and avoid inhaling vapor from the spray.**
- ▶ Skin or eyes exposed to powder or liquids containing the drug should immediately be washed or rinsed off thoroughly.

How should I dispose of this medication if I don't use it all?

- ▶ Do not flush this medication down the toilet or wash it down the sink. If a community drug "take-back" program is available, use this option. If there is no take-back program, mix the drug with coffee grounds or cat litter (to make it undesirable to children and animals and unrecognizable to people who might go through your trash), place the mixture in a sealable plastic bag to keep it from leaking out and throw the bag out with the regular trash.
- ▶ Do not save leftover medication for future use or give it to others to use.

What other information is important for this medication?

Use of this drug may not be allowed in certain animal competitions. Check rules and regulations before entering your animal in a competition while this medication is being administered.

If you have any other questions about this medication, contact your veterinarian or pharmacist.

Special Instructions
