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CLOTRIMAZOLE TOPICAL - *Full Version*

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

This drug is a medication that has antifungal activity and can fight superficial skin infections caused by dermatophytes and yeast. **Clotrimazole Topical** is available in the form of a topical cream, ointment and solution.

WHAT IS THIS DRUG?

- An antifungal
- Applied directly on the skin

REASONS FOR PRESCRIBING:

- Often used to treat localized and superficial dermatophyte or yeast infections

ANIMAL PRECAUTIONS:

- This topical product is labeled for use in cats and dogs and should be used under the supervision of your veterinarian
- **Use of this product in any other species should be in consultation with a veterinarian**
- Seek veterinary advice for any significant wounds/cuts/injuries as they may require more appropriate attention and the addition of other products or medications to prevent infection and promote healing
- **Clotrimazole Topical** may not be effective against widespread or generalized infections
- **Clotrimazole Topical** is not effective against parasitic or bacterial infections
- Safety has not been established in pregnant or nursing pets
- Animals with a known hypersensitivity or allergy to this or related products should not receive this medication

DIRECTIONS:

Read and follow the prescription label carefully. Use the exact amount prescribed and only as often as directed.

Discuss with your veterinarian if you should clean the affected area prior to applying the medication.

It may be necessary to clip the hair around the affected area to assist with the treatment of the skin infection.

Avoid getting this medication in your pet's eyes, nose or mouth. Try to avoid allowing your pet to lick or ingest any topically applied medications.

Use this medication for as long as your veterinarian directs. Do not skip doses or stop using the medication without consulting your veterinarian. Missed doses reduce the effectiveness of therapy.

Baseline blood work may be recommended to assess your pet's general health before using this medication. Dose adjustments may be made based upon an assessment of how your cat or dog is responding clinically.

Discuss with your veterinarian if you should apply any bandaging after applying the medication to the affected area.

Consider wearing gloves when handling this medication. If treating a potentially contagious skin condition, consult with your veterinarian about further measures to avoid spreading the infection. Always wash your hands before and after applying any topical medication.

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

Call ahead for refills.

Ideally, use medication at the same time(s) daily.

WHAT IF A DOSE IS MISSED?

If a dose is missed, perform it as soon as you can. If it is time already for the next dose, skip the missed dose and go back to the normal schedule. Do not apply two doses at the same time.

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

Talk to your veterinarian about:

- When your pet will 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 digestive upset now or ever
- If your pet has experienced liver or kidney disease now or ever
- 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 medications can be used together.
- If your pet is pregnant, nursing or if you plan to breed your pet

STORAGE AND WARNINGS:

Clotrimazole Topical should be stored in a childproof container in a cool, dry place at room temperature away from heat and direct sunlight.

For external animal use only.

Avoid getting it in your animal's eyes, ears or mucous membranes.

Wash hands after use.

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:

- If you notice anything unusual including any signs of skin irritation, redness or a rash, contact your veterinarian
- This short-acting medication should stop working within 24 hours

CAN THIS DRUG BE USED WITH OTHER DRUGS?

- Avoid applying other topical medications to the same area as it may affect absorption
- Do not give new food or medications without first talking to your veterinarian
- 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?

Contact your veterinarian immediately if you pet 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.

As with all prescribed medicines, **Clotrimazole Topical** should only be used on the pet for which it was prescribed. It should be used only for the condition for which it was prescribed, at the prescribed dose, as directed by your veterinarian.

Never use topical skin creams in the eyes or ears.

This is just a summary of information about **Clotrimazole Topical**. If you have any questions or concerns about this medication or the condition for which it was prescribed, please contact your veterinarian.

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