

# DVMetrics Client Information Sheets for Veterinary Medications



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## EAR CLEANING SOLUTIONS - *Full Version*

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### GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

**Ear Cleaning Solutions** are used in cats and dogs to clean the ear during an active ear infection. 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. Cleaning your pet's ears on a regular basis can also help to maintain healthy ears and to prevent some diseases. **Ear Cleaning Solutions** often contain a variety of different medicinal and non-medicinal ingredients that promote overall skin health, reduce irritation, and may provide additional antioxidant, antibacterial and anti-inflammatory properties.

### REASONS FOR PRESCRIBING:

- To assist with cleaning the ear during an active ear infection
- To assist with keeping the ears clean to prevent ear infections

### ANIMAL PRECAUTIONS:

- This product is labeled for use in cats and dogs and should be administered only under the supervision of 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:
  - Ruptured ear drum
- Animals with a known hypersensitivity or allergy to this or related products should not be given this medication

### DIRECTIONS:

Read and follow the prescription label carefully.

Consult with your veterinarian regarding the frequency of cleaning during an active ear infection.

Consult with your veterinarian regarding the frequency of cleaning to maintain healthy ears.

Do not skip or stop cleaning without consulting your veterinarian.

Cleaning frequency may be adjusted based upon an assessment of how your cat or dog 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 pet's eyes, nose or mouth.

If you are having difficulty cleaning the ear or your pet is in discomfort, contact your veterinarian.

This topical grooming product (medicated or non-medicated) may require several applications to have full effects. Visible improvements may be gradual and noticed after several days.

#### **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 cleanser 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 pet's ears
- Always praise and reward your pet 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 GIVING THIS MEDICATION?**

Talk to your veterinarian about:

- When your pet will need to be rechecked

- How often does your pet's ears need to be cleaned
- What tests may need to be performed prior to and during treatment with this cleaning product
- What are the safety concerns when using this product in different species
- What are the risks and benefits of using this cleaning product

Tell your veterinarian about:

- If your pet has experienced previous ear problems
- 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 given together.
- If your pet is pregnant, nursing or if you plan to breed your pet

#### **STORAGE AND WARNINGS:**

**Ear Cleaning Solutions** should be stored in a childproof container in a cool, dry place at room temperature away from heat and direct sunlight.

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:**

- This medication may cause local irritation or redness
- If these symptoms persist or you notice anything else unusual, contact your veterinarian
- This topical grooming product is short-acting and should stop working within 24 hours

#### **CAN THIS DRUG BE GIVEN WITH OTHER MEDICATIONS?**

- 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 your 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.

Never use skin or ear medications in the eye.

This is just a summary of information about **Ear Cleaning Solutions**. If you have any questions or concerns about ear cleaning solutions or the condition for which this was prescribed, please contact your veterinarian.

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