

Corticosteroid Topical Preparations

(Genesis)

Common Drug Name

Corticosteroid topical

Common Brand Names

Genesis (triamcinolone)

Generic products are available.

Storage

Store at room temperature in a tight, light resistant container.

Uses

Corticosteroids, such as triamcinolone, are used topically to treat inflammation and allergic reactions of the skin.

Dose and Administration

Always follow the dosage instructions provided by your veterinarian. If you have difficulty applying the medication, contact your veterinarian.

If you miss a dose, apply it as soon as you remember. If it is almost time for the next dose, skip the application you missed and go back to the regular schedule. Do not give 2 doses at once.

This medication should only be given to the pet for whom it was prescribed.

Possible Side Effects

Side effects are unusual with this medication.

If ingested or used in large quantities, the most common side effect is an increase in the amount of drinking and urinating. Less commonly may see an increased appetite and weight gain, panting, diarrhea, vomiting, and behavior changes.

Precautions

Do not use in animals hypersensitive (allergic) to any of the ingredients.

If a bacterial infection is present, appropriate antibiotic treatment should be given.

Prolonged use may result in a serious bacterial or fungal infection.

For use on the skin only. Avoid contact with the eye. Prevent ingestion of the medication.

Do not use in pregnant or breeding animals. Can cause premature birth. In dogs, rabbits, and rodents, corticosteroids can cause birth defects.

Use with caution in animals with diabetes mellitus or Cushing's disease (hyperadrenocorticism).

If the skin condition does not respond after several days of therapy, contact your veterinarian.

Consult with your veterinarian regarding the physical examinations and laboratory testing necessary prior to and during treatment with corticosteroid topical preparations.

Drug, Food, and Test Interactions

Consult your veterinarian before using corticosteroid topical preparations with vitamins and supplements, since interactions may occur.

Signs of Toxicity/Overdose

Adverse reactions and toxicities are unlikely if used according to directions.

If you know or suspect your pet has had an overdose, or if you observe any unusual signs in your pet, contact your veterinarian immediately.

Keep this and all other medications out of the reach of children and pets.