

INSTRUCTIONS FOR EAR CLEANING AND MEDICATION

EAR CLEANING

- 1 Grasp the tip of the ear and pull it straight up and slightly away from the head towards you to open the ear canal.
- 2 Fill the ear with the prescribed cleanser until the liquid starts to spill out of the ear canal. Some of this cleaning liquid may also be rubbed on the ear flap if necessary.
- 3 Grasp the ear cartilage at the base of the ear and gently massage the ear canal. You will hear the medication "squish" in the ear. Continue with the massage for a few minutes.
- 4 Restrain your pet for a few minutes to allow the cleaning solution to penetrate to the deeper ear canal and to dissolve the wax and debris.
- 5 Allow your pet to shake the cleaning solution from the ear.
- 6 Remove loose debris from the ear flap and entrance to the ear canals with a dry cotton ball or gauze pad.
- 7 You should never push cotton swabs into the ear canal. This can force debris further into the ear. Only use the swabs to clean debris from those areas of the ear that you can clearly see.
- 8 Repeat the cleaning procedure as directed in your care instructions.
- 9 Ear medication should be placed in the ear after the cleaning process. You should apply the medications at least 10-15 minutes after cleaning (or as otherwise directed). Please ensure that your pet has stopped shaking his head vigorously prior to applying medications.

MEDICATION APPLICATION

Apply all medications as prescribed on your care instructions or the medication label, which includes the number of drops or cc/mls, which ear or ears to treat, how many times a day and for how long.

- 1 Place the first medication in the ear.
- 2 Massage the ear canals as outlined above for the cleaning procedure. If you have enough medication in the ear, you will begin to hear a 'squishing' noise as you massage.
- 3 If a second medication has been prescribed, it should be applied 30-60 minutes after the first medication unless otherwise directed.
- 4 If the inner part of the ear flap is involved, place a small amount of the prescribed medication on the affected part of the flap forming a thin layer. You should wear gloves while applying it or wash your hands immediately afterwards. If medication/debris is noted to accumulate on the flap of the ear, it can be washed away with shampoo or warm water. Prior to shampooing, the opening to the ear canal should be plugged with cotton balls to prevent water from getting into the ear canals. Ensure all cotton balls are removed after shampooing directed.



Note: Allergic reactions to ear medication may occur. Signs of an allergic reaction include excessive redness, blisters or sores around the ear canal opening, inner ear flap and base of the ear. These signs usually occur 5-10 minutes after application. If any of these signs are noted or if your pet seems overly irritated or painful when applying medication, please DISCONTINUE ALL EAR MEDICATION and contact your veterinarian immediately.