

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]

Ketoconazole with Chlorhexidine Shampoo

(*kee-toe-kah-na-zole* with *klor-heks-ih-deen*)

Description: Topical Antifungal and Antibiotic Shampoo

Other Names for this Medication: Ketochlor®

Common Dosage Forms: **Veterinary:** Ketoconazole 1% with chlorhexidine gluconate 2% shampoo in 237 mL (8 oz) & 473 mL (16 oz) containers. **Human:** None.

This information sheet does not contain all available information for this medication. It is to help answer commonly asked questions and help you give the medication safely and effectively to your animal. If you have other questions or need more information about this medication, contact your veterinarian or pharmacist.

Key Information

- ▶ Medicated shampoo that cleans hair and skin while removing odors and oil buildup from skin problems.
- ▶ Use with caution on sores or burned skin.
- ▶ Do not allow your animal to lick the shampoo.
- ▶ Avoid contact with eyes.

How is this medication useful?

Ketoconazole with chlorhexidine shampoo is used in dogs, cats, and horses to manage superficial skin conditions. The FDA (U.S. Food & Drug Administration) has approved this medication for use in dogs, cats, and horses. You and your veterinarian can discuss why this medicated shampoo 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 shampoo will work for 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 other topical therapies, 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 takes several doses before you will see any effect. The medication's full effects may not be evident until your animal has taken it consistently for several weeks, but you will see a gradual improvement of your animal's clinical signs until the medication becomes fully effective. The effects of this medication are short-lived, meaning they will stop working within 24 hours.

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

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

This medicated shampoo **SHOULD NOT** be used on:

- ▶ Animals that are allergic to it.

This medicated shampoo should be used **WITH CAUTION** on:

- ▶ Patients with sores or burned skin.

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

What are the side effects of this medication?

This medicated shampoo is usually well tolerated.

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

- ▶ Infections that do not appear to be healing.
- ▶ Skin irritation develops or worsens.

If you see any of these signs, contact your veterinarian immediately.

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

An overdose is unlikely when used as a shampoo. If you have any concerns about an overdose following ingestion of the shampoo, contact your veterinarian or an animal poison control center for further advice. Animal poison control centers that are open 24 hours a day include: **Pet Poison HELPLINE** (855-764-7661) and **ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center** (888-426-4435); a consultation fee is charged for these services.

How should this medication be given?

For this medicated shampoo to work, use it exactly as your veterinarian has prescribed. It's a good idea to always check the prescription label to be sure you are using the shampoo correctly.

- ▶ If your animal is dirty, it may need a regular bath to clean off debris before the medicated bath. Your veterinarian can recommend a shampoo for this purpose.
- ▶ Thoroughly shake the medicated shampoo bottle before application.
- ▶ Wet the animal's coat as directed by your veterinarian. Apply shampoo to your hands and begin to work the shampoo into your animal's coat from the base of the neck to the base of the tail. Massage shampoo over your animal's body to ensure good contact with the skin.
- ▶ Allow shampoo to remain on the coat for 5 to 10 minutes, then rinse thoroughly with water and repeat as directed by your veterinarian.
- ▶ Follow your veterinarian's instructions regarding the frequency of medicated baths.
- ▶ Do not allow your animal to lick the shampoo. Do not allow the shampoo to contact your animal's eyes, nostrils, or mouth.
- ▶ Contact your veterinarian if your animal's condition is not improving within the first 2 weeks, or sooner if condition worsens.
- ▶ If you have difficulty with your animal and the medicated baths, contact your veterinarian or pharmacist for tips to reduce the stress of this treatment.
- ▶ This medicated shampoo can be used for various lengths of time. Be sure you understand how long your veterinarian wants you to continue using this treatment. Prescription refills may be necessary before the therapy will be complete. Before stopping the medicated baths, talk to your veterinarian, as there may be important reasons to continue.

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

If you miss a treatment, bathe your animal when you remember, and then wait the amount of time between baths recommended by your veterinarian before bathing again.

How should I store this medication?

- ▶ Store this medicated shampoo in the original prescription bottle at room temperature and protected from light.
- ▶ If your veterinarian or pharmacist has made (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?

There are no specific precautions required when handling this medicated shampoo unless you are allergic to it, but it is always a good idea to wash your hands after handling any medication. If you are allergic to the ingredients in the shampoo, wear gloves when handling.

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

- ▶ Do not use expired products on your animal.
- ▶ If the medicated shampoo has expired, do not flush this medicated shampoo 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 shampoo 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 out with the regular trash.

What other information is important for this medication?

- ▶ Use of this medicated shampoo 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.
- ▶ Do not stop giving the medicated baths before your veterinarian recommends, even if the infection appears to have resolved. Stopping treatment early may lead to chronic infections.
- ▶ Your veterinarian will want to recheck your animal to make sure the infection has completely resolved. Do not miss these important follow-up visits.

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

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