ResiCort® Leave-On Lotion for Pets

Generic Name:

Hydrocortisone lotion

General Description:

Hydrocortisone lotion (1%) is a topical anti-inflammatory agent used for the temporary relief of itching due to minor skin irritations, allergy conditions, insect bites, etc. This lotion is specifically formulated for the topical treatment of dermatologic conditions responsive to corticosteroids. For use in dogs, cats and horses. Hydrocortisone lotion is available in both 8 oz and 16 oz bottles.

What is this drug?

- Hydrocortisone is a member of the glucocorticoid class of hormones; a steroid
- Some products have additional ingredients (e.g. to slowly release ingredients, to soothe and moisturize the skin, and/or protect the skin from environmental damage)
- Used topically

Reasons for prescribing:

- Used for the temporary relief of inflamed areas, to decrease swelling, redness, itching and allergic reactions

What animals should not take use medication?
• Breeding, pregnant or nursing animals
• Animals with infections unless antimicrobial (antibiotics) therapy is also given
• Use with caution in diabetics or those with Cushing’s disease (hyperadrenocorticism)
• If your animal has had an allergic reaction to Hydrocortisone or other steroids

Directions:

Read and follow your veterinarian’s instructions carefully.

Shake bottle well before using.

Typically, Hydrocortisone lotion is used 2-3 times per week for the first 2 weeks, and then less often as the animal’s condition improves.

After shampooing or wetting the hair coat, apply enough lotion along the animal’s back to cover the entire coat. Massage the lotion into the skin and hair. Apply more if it is needed, depending upon on size of the animal and the length of the hair.

May be used just on localized area of concern or generally between shampoos.

If your pet has a skin infection as well, an appropriate antifungal or antibiotic may have been prescribed as well.

Wash hands after each use.

What if a dose is missed?

If a dose is missed, apply 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 double the dose.

What to tell/ask veterinarian before giving medication? Talk to your veterinarian about:

• When will your animal needs to be rechecked
• What tests may need to be performed prior to and during treatment with this drug
• What are the risks and benefits of using this drug

Tell your veterinarian about:

• If your animal has experienced side-effects on other drugs/products
• If your animal has experienced digestive upset now or ever
• If your animal has experienced liver or kidney disease now or ever
• If your animal has experienced any other medical problems or allergies now or ever
• All medicines and supplements that you are giving your animal or plan to give your animal, including those you can get without a prescription. Your veterinarian may want to check that all of your animal's medicines can be given together.
• If your animal is pregnant or nursing or if you plan to breed your animal

Storage and Warnings:

Store in original container at controlled room temperature away from heat and direct sunlight.

Keep this and all medication out of reach of children and pets.

Avoid contact with eyes. In case of contact, flush eyes with water and seek medical attention if irritation persists.

For topical use only. Do not allow ingestion of this product. For animal use only.

Call your physician immediately if you accidentally ingest this product.

Potential side effects:

• If redness, irritation, or swelling persists or increases, discontinue use and consult your veterinarian
• The most common side effect of ingesting topical steroids (or if using large quantities) is increased drinking and urination. Less commonly, you may notice an increased appetite plus weight gain, panting, diarrhea, vomiting, and behavioral changes.
• If you notice anything unusual, contact your veterinarian

Can this drug be used with other drugs?

• Yes, but possible interactions with glucocorticoids may occur with amphotericin B, cyclosporine, cyclophosphamide, erythromycin, estrogens, furosemide, insulin, mitotane, NSAIDS (aspirin, carprofen, deracoxib, etc), phenobarbital, phenytoin, rifampin, thiazide, some vaccines, supplements and vitamins. Let your veterinarian know what products you give your animal.
• If your pet experiences any unusual reactions when taking multiple medications, contact your veterinarian.

Overdosing?

Overdosing is unlikely to occur if used as directed, but contact your veterinarian immediately if you suspect an overdose, or if you observe any unusual signs.

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, Hydrocortisone lotion should only be used on the animal for which it was prescribed. It should be used only for the condition for which it was prescribed.
This is just a summary of information about Hydrocortisone lotion. If you have any questions or concerns about Hydrocortisone lotion or the condition it was prescribed for, contact your veterinarian.