

# Koshland Pharm

## Custom Compounding Pharmacy

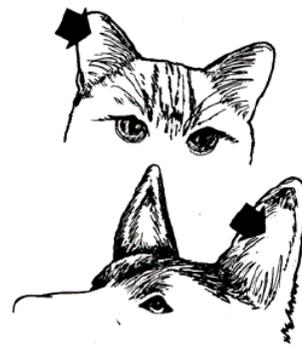
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### **TRANSDERMAL GELS**

Transdermal gels are composed of the medication and a base that allows better absorption of the medication through your pet's skin. To assure that your pet receives the appropriate amount of medication, please follow these recommendations.

#### **Site of Application:**

- The gel should be applied to an area not easily accessible to the pet, and in a hairless area – most commonly to the skin on the inside of the ear (pinna).
- Massage the gel into the skin well.
- It is not necessary to shave the area where gel will be applied.
- Do not apply gel to broken skin.
- Only apply the gel to the tip of the ear. Do not apply the gel to the ear canal.
- Rotate the site each time you apply the gel (i.e. alternate ears each time).



#### **Applying Transdermal Gels:**

1. With a moist paper towel, gently wipe the area where the gel is going to be applied. Allow to dry.
2. Use gloves or a finger cot (glove finger tip) to apply the gel.
3. Place the correct amount of gel on your gloved index finger.
4. Apply the gel to the skin and gently massage the gel with your gloved index finger onto the area until the gel is completely absorbed.
5. Dispose of the cots properly in a container that children or pets cannot reach.
6. Rinse your hands with mild soap and warm water.
7. Be sure to separate your pet from children or other pets for at least 15 minutes after application of the gel to allow time for the medication to be completely absorbed. Try to prevent your pet from rubbing their ears on any clothing or furniture.

#### **Precautions:**

- Always use gloves or finger cots when applying the gel.
- If you believe you may have applied too much of the gel, and it has been less than 30 minutes, clean off the area with mild soap and water. Apply the correct amount of gel to another part of your pet's body.
  - If it has been more than 30 minutes since the overdose was applied, watch for any side effects of the medication and contact your veterinarian or pharmacist if they occur.
- Discontinue use if your pet's skin becomes red, swollen, or develops a rash or other abnormality where the gel is applied. Contact your veterinarian or pharmacist.
- Discourage other pets from licking the area to which the gel was applied.

#### **Storage of Transdermal Gels:**

- Gels should be stored at room temperature, away from heat and light.

**Disclaimer:** We want your pet to get the most benefit from his or her medicine. This handout is a summary of useful information to help you understand your pet's medication and to administer it safely. Other information about this medicine may be important for you to know. Please talk with your veterinarian for more information and other special considerations for your specific pet.