

OTOFLUSH®

Examination

Your vet will perform a complete physical examination of your dog, including looking in the ears to assess the ear drum and ear canal health.

Cytology

Cytology is essential! Your vet needs to view a sample of ear discharge under a microscope as it is the only way to determine which inflammatory cells, bacteria and yeast are present. It will also allow us to rule out ear mites.

Clean

To clean the ear with Otofush®, insert the nozzle into the ear canal opening and squeeze to fill the ear canal (approximately 0.5mL for small breed dogs or 1.5mL for larger breeds).

Massage the ear

Gently massage the ear canal. Most dogs enjoy this part of the process. The firm structure ventral to the ear opening is the canal and this is the ideal area to massage.

Stand back!

Allow the patient to shake their head to remove debris and excess Otofush®. Repeat the process until the Otofush® coming out of the ear is clean. In the presence of an active infection, Dermcare Otofush® must be used in conjunction with a medicated treatment.



**DON'T LET
EARS GET
YOU DOWN**



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Otoflush® has been formulated in a pH neutral buffered solution, meaning it will not sting even raw ulcerated ears. Otoflush® is antiseptic which will reduce microbial numbers (bacteria and yeasts) as well as clean the ear of wax and pus. It is also designed to increase susceptibility of remaining infection to routine antibiotics. This means we have a new tool for antibiotic-resistant ear infections.

General Information

- Ear infections are common in dogs. The dog's ear canal is long, relatively narrow and deep. Some breeds also have floppy ears and/or ears with lots of hair. These factors combined make the dog's ear much more susceptible to ear infections than human ears.
- Normally dogs have low numbers of resident bacteria and yeasts on their skin (including ears).
- Any factor which alters the normal environment in the dog's ear can trigger the natural residents to get out of control. The most common factor is allergy. The ear becomes inflamed and humidity inside the canal increases, which forms a nice moist environment for these residents to take advantage and cause infection.
- Important factors in controlling repeat infections include:
 - Ensuring previous infection is resolved and the ear canal is clean
 - Controlling the inflammation
 - Ensuring resident bacteria and yeasts are kept at manageable levels



For ear infections with pus:

Otoflush® is designed to be used prior to application of medicated ear treatments. This means if your veterinarian has prescribed twice daily use of a particular treatment, you should apply Otoflush® twice daily just before you apply the treatment. Otoflush® is fast acting so there is no need to wait between using Otoflush® and the medicated ear treatment.

Your veterinarian may recommend you put Otoflush® into the ear and massage the ear to move it around, or they may supply you with a syringe and tubing to deliver a flushing action to deeper in the ear canal.

For waxy ear infections:

Usually Otoflush® is used twice weekly during the treatment of a waxy ear infection. The medicated ear treatment prescribed by your veterinarian should be used as per their advice (usually once or twice daily), and on days when Otoflush® is due, the Otoflush® should be used just prior to application of the medicated treatment. Your veterinarian will advise you of the best delivery method for Otoflush®.

For maintenance cleaning:

It is important that after treatment for an ear infection you arrange a follow up consultation with your veterinarian to ensure all previous infection is cleared before starting a maintenance program. Additional therapy may be required, depending on the cause of your dog's ear infections.

A maintenance plan typically consists of using Otoflush® once weekly. Its cleaning and antiseptic properties play an important role in the prevention of repeat ear infections. Regular short check-ups with your veterinarian are advised so they can look deep into the ear and ensure your cleaning is having the desired effect in areas you are unable to see.