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# **Greyhound Corn/Callus Cream**

NOTE: We appreciate feedback, results, and before and after pictures. Sharing your experience will assist us in helping others. We are also contacting all vets regarding this cream to increase awareness of this new treatment.

## Medication:

Greyhound Corn/Callus Cream and Hyaluronic Acid Pre-Treatment

#### Use:

Greyhound Corn/Callus Cream (a Murray Avenue Apothecary proprietary formula) - helps soften and heal the skin, promote removal of corns and calluses, and has anti-inflammatory/anti-pain properties, anti-viral, anti-fungal, and antiseptic properties. Our preliminary study has shown a 75-80% cure rate (provided upon request).

## Administration:

- Apply a small amount of Hyaluronic acid lotion on the paw, cover with a baggie or saran and Therapaw for 20 minutes. (Hyaluronic acid holds 1000x its weight in water and provides better hydration than Olive Oil/ Water soaks or Epsom salts soaks which actually draws out fluid from the tissue). The Hyaluronic acid lotion and Therapaws (in various sizes) are available at the Apothecary.
- •The softer the pad the better the cream will work.
- Apply the Corn/Callus cream to the affected pad (corn). Try to focus application on corn to be removed. Massage in well the cream will appear to be white when rubbed on the pad, keep rubbing until the cream is gone. Wrap the area with saran wrap or a baggie, use a bootie for at least 20 minutes following application to occlude the area and allow the cream to be well absorbed.
- •The cream may be applied into a hulled pad to soften the "hull" to help prevent re-growth of the corn. Sometimes the corn will fall out on its own. Please talk to your vet about pulling out a corn that seems ready to come out before doing this on your own. Most people tell us that when they do pull out the dead corn it is black on the bottom-this is exactly what we want to see-death of the root.
- Optimal results are typically seen with twice a day applications. (View link to our study on our webpage).
- •Resolution has been seen in as little as 3 days for mild cases. Treatment may take up to 5 months or more for severe cases with repeated use.
- •Cream may be used for prevention or maintenance. Application varies but may be applied 1-5 times per week- observe animals walking pattern and response.
- •Store the medicine at room temperature. Do not refrigerate or freeze.

# Side Effects:

This cream is non-toxic if used properly and the paw is occluded for 20 minutes after application.

To date, no side effects have been reported, but it is possible that the following mild reaction may occur: mild localized irritation to surrounding skin or possible sloughing of old skin on the pad.

## Precautions:

- For topical use only.
- Avoid contact with eyes, lips, and mucous membranes.
- •If you do get medicine in your eyes, rinse your eyes with water and call your doctor.
- Wash your hands with soap and water after using this medicine.
- •Keep all medicine out of the reach of children.

For more information, please feel free to call Susan Merenstein, R.Ph./Owner 412-421-4996, Monday through Thursday 10am-6pm, Fridays 10am-5pm or e-mail susan@maapgh.com. You can also visit our website,

www.pittsburghspetpharmacy.com. We are requesting before and after pictures and progress reports to aid us in educational efforts and a continuation of our study.