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DEMODECTIC MANGE DIPPING HOME INSTRUCTIONS

If you perform the demodectic mange dipping yourself, be sure to wear rubber gloves and eye protection to prevent contact with your skin. Serious side-effects may result from improper usage. Be sure to follow any label instructions carefully.

Instructions for your dog:

___ Apply the dispensed ointment to the areas of hair loss. Do not get it in your dog's eyes. Apply it once daily for 10-14 days. At that time, the dog should be examined to decide if further treatment is needed.

___ Give ___ ml of the oral insecticide once daily. This needs to be continued for two to four weeks past apparent recovery. Report any adverse side-effects including loss of appetite and vomiting.

___ Bathe your dog with the recommended medicated shampoo, then rinse the shampoo. Next, slowly pour amitraz dip over the entire body. This should be done three times at seven day intervals.

Mix one bottle of amitraz with two gallons of water. Once the bottle is opened, amitraz deteriorates rapidly, even if not diluted. Therefore, unused dip cannot be used later. Wear rubber gloves while handling the dip; wash your hands and arms with soap and water after treatment of your dog. Do not rinse the dip off your dog; allow it to air dry. A hair dryer may be used if the temperature is cool.

If vomiting or sedation occurs within 24-36 hours after dipping, dilute the dip with 25% more water (2½ gallons instead of 2) the next time. These side-effects should resolve without treatment. If your dog continues to experience lethargy or vomiting beyond 36 hours or if your dog's condition worsens, notify the hospital for instructions.

___ After the second or third dipping, we should examine your dog for the presence of live mites or mite eggs. The need for further treatment will be discussed. Some dogs require up to twelve to fifteen dips before there are no live mites or eggs present. We should examine your dog after every second or third dip.

____ Administer the dispensed antibiotics according to the label. When the prescription is completed, your dog should be examined to determine if further antibiotic treatment is needed.

____ For lesions on the feet, mix one cc of amitraz dip (straight from the bottle) with one ounce of propylene glycol. Apply this mixture to the feet two to three times per week. It must be mixed fresh each week. If the feet are affected, they will often be the last part of the body to heal. You should be able to obtain propylene glycol at a local pharmacy. Remember to wear gloves when applying dip to your dog's feet.

____ At the first sign of recurrence of this disease, we should see your dog again to determine what treatment is needed. This may happen until it is eighteen months old.

____ We will apply the amitraz dip to your dog. Return the dog in ____ days for the next treatment.

1) ____ Return your dog in ____ days to have it examined for the presence of mites.

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