

## **EpiOtic® - Virbac's Ear Cleaner**

An ear cleaner to aid in the management of Otitis Externa



# Cleanse with EpiOtic

## Maintain a healthy ear using EpiOtic

Help the ear to defend itself and guard against ear problems. A leading veterinary ear cleanser for 25 years.

#### Easy to use & short nozzle

To limit microbial contamination and reseeding of infection

#### **Gentle & soothing**

- Neutral pH for optimal tolerance
- For dogs, cat, kittens and puppies
- · Alcohol and fragrance free

#### **Anti-odour**

Neutralises unpleasant smells

#### **Anti bacterial**

- PCMX for antibacterial properties
- EDTA to disrupt the outer membrane of gram-negative bacteria, rendering them easier to kill

#### **New Defensin technology**

- Stimulates the synthesis of endogenous anti-microbial peptides<sup>2</sup>
- Helps the skin to defend itself against pathogens<sup>3</sup>

#### **Anti-adhesive**

- Glycotechnology to limit microbial adherence and surface proliferation
- Easier killing and removal of bacteria

#### Cleansing & drying

- Salicylic and non-ionic surfactant to help remove dirt and excess wax
- Docusate sodium dries ears





### S-I-S SKIN INNOVATIVE SCIENCE™

## **Cutting-edge science with Virbac Dermatology**

#### S-I-S SKIN INNOVATIVE SCIENCE™

Is a combination of 2 technologies from Virbac that work together to maintain microbial balance and HELP THE SKIN RECOVER.

#### **Defensin technology**

Two plant extracts stimulating the endogenous antimicrobial peptides.

#### **Glycotechnology**

A combination of monosacharides decreasing microbe adherence to the skin.

# 20 % of dogs are affected by Otitis<sup>3</sup>

#### Causes

#### **Predisposing factors**

- Unfavourable microenvironments impeding normal protective mechanisms
- Certain ear confirmations such as stenosis, dense hair growth in the ear canal, excessive cerumen productions (Cocker Spaniel, Shar Pei, etc)

#### **Primary causes**

- Capable of causing otitis externa alone (foreign bodies, parasites, tumours ...)
- Allergic dermatitis (atopic dermatitis, adverse food reactions ...)
- Parasites (Otodectes, Demodex, Sarcoptes ...)
- Miscellaneous (hypothyroidism, ear canal neoplasia, pemphigus foliaceus ...)

#### **Perpetuating factors**

- Bacterial & yeast secondary infections
- Otitis media, ear canal stenosis
- Otitis externa in dogs (erythema ceruminous) = 75 % are allergic dermatitis related<sup>3</sup>

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# Cleaning & treating for otitis externa

Effective treatment of otitis externa requires the persistence of antimicrobial actives in the ear for a period of time. Sometimes veterinarians are reluctant to clean ears whilst treating otitis externa in the event that cleaning will diminish the action of treatment medications(s).

One study<sup>2</sup> has confirmed that the prolonged gentamicin and miconazole actives concentration in the ear canal is not affected by the cleansing of ears with EpiOtic, 30 minutes prior to treatment.

#### Results

- Gentamicin concentractions were above the MIC90 of Staphylococcus pseudointermedius strains (0,5 μg/ml) on D10 and D15
- Average miconazole concentrations were above the MIC90 of Malassezia pachydermatis strains ((0,75 μg/ml) on D10 and D15
- No side effects were reported



#### Conclusion

Cleaning of the ears with EpiOtic before each application did not affect the antimicrobial effect of an ear cleaner containing gentamicin and miconazole.

#### Composition

Disodium EDTA 0,5 % m/m, Salicylic acid 0,2 % m/m, Chloroxylenol 0,09% m/m,
Diethylexyl sodium sulfosuccinate 0,5 % m/m, Glycotechnology (Rhamnose, Galactose, Mannose) 0,15 % m/m,
Defensin technology (Peumus boldus leaf extract, Spiraea ulmaria extract) 0,2 % m/m.

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