

Grove Veterinary Centre Client Information Sheet on longterm drug dispensing and patient monitoring

Trilostane (Vetoryl ®)

Introduction

Your pet has been prescribed Vetoryl® to treat the endocrine (hormonal) condition Hyperadrenocorticism (Cushing's Disease). It is intended that this medicine or an equivalent will be used for an extended period.

This information sheet will detail the minimum level of examination needed to allow us to continue to dispense the drug safely.

Using the drug

Please read any leaflets we may have given you about the condition we are treating and following dosage instructions carefully. Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns about the effectiveness of the medication or any ill-effects your pet may experience. **Side effects can include loss of appetite, vomiting and diarrhoea. Do not hesitate to contact the surgery if these, or any other effects occur.**

Dispensing Quantities

Dispensing quantities are at the discretion of the supervising veterinary surgeon. A maximum of one month's Vetoryl will be dispensed at any time.

Examination

To meet legal and clinical obligations, one of our vets needs to see your pet at least every THREE months. **We may not be able to dispense any further medication if this period has been exceeded.**

Blood testing

To ensure that our pets health is not compromised during the treatment we will need to test your pet's blood ten days, thirty days and thereafter every ninety days after starting the medication. If the dosage is changed the retest procedure will start again. At each appointment we will also monitor the effectiveness of the medication using a stimulation blood test similar to that used in diagnosing the condition. **We may not be able to dispense any further medication if this period is exceeded.**

When you are coming for any blood test, please starve your pet for twelve hours prior to the test unless we indicate otherwise, but please remember to give your pet its medication as normal that morning.

Other investigations or diagnostic tests

Provided there is a good clinical response and no ill effects there are no other investigations that would be required on a regular basis.