# CANINE BRONCHITIS



The *AeroDawg*\* Canine Aerosol Chamber is designed to be used with a Metered Dose Inhaler (puffer) to deliver aerosol medication to canines with chronic bronchitis, chronic rhinitis, laryngeal paralysis or tracheal collapse.

The use of inhaled medication provides targeted delivery of medication to the lungs and reduces the side effects seen in dogs treated with systemic medications.<sup>1</sup> Therapeutic effect can often be achieved with only a fraction of the dose required for systemic delivery of the same drug.<sup>2</sup>

## *Flow-Vu*\* Inhalation Indicator



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The *Flow-Vu*\* Indicator moves with inhalation and provides the caregiver with visual confirmation of the dog inhaling their medication. This is important because some dogs hold their breath when first introduced to the mask. The *Flow-Vu*\* Indicator also allows the caregiver to count breaths and ensure a proper facemask seal. 2 Mask Sizes

Each device is shipped with 2 different sized facemasks. The mask should cover the nose and mouth. However, if not possible apply the mask to the dogs nostrils while gently holding the muzzle closed.

### **Inhalation Valve**

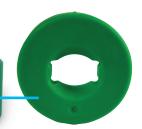
Extra sensitive, low resistance valve is designed to respond to shallow, low volume breaths

#### Anti-static Chamber

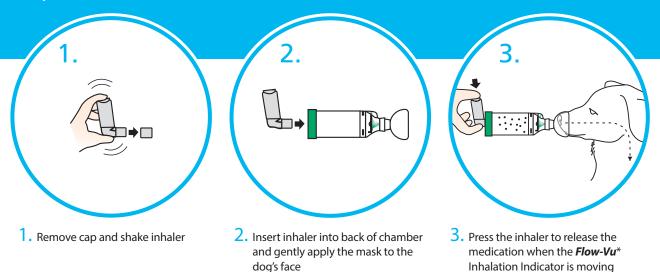
Holds the medication allowing the dog more time to inhale

#### Universal Backpiece

Can be used with all commonly prescribed Metered Dose Inhalers (Note: not designed for use with Dry Powder Inhalers)



#### Easy to Use



Metered Dose Inhaler Treatment

Adapted from: Padrid P. Use of inhaled medications to treat respiratory diseases in dogs and cats. Journal of the American Animal Hospital Association 42:165-169 (2006).

DRUG	DOSE	USAGE	INDICATION
Albuterol • Available through different manufacturers (i.e. Ventolin <sup>†</sup> HFA, Proventil <sup>†</sup> HFA)	<ul> <li>1-2 puffs (90 μg/puff) administered via <i>AeroDawg</i>* Chamber</li> <li>Each Metered Dose Inhaler contains 200 puffs</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Use as needed, but not routinely</li> <li>In emergency cases, albuterol can be used q30 minutes for up to 4 to 6 hours without serious side effects</li> </ul>	Immediate relief of bronchoconstriction
Fluticasone Propionate • Brand name: Flovent <sup>+</sup> HFA Metered Dose Inhaler • Available in three strengths: 44 µg, 110 µg and 220 µg/ actuation	<ul> <li>Dogs &lt;20 kg: 1 puff (110 μg) q12h administered via <i>AeroDawg</i>* Chamber</li> <li>Dogs &gt;20 kg: 1 puff (220 μg) q12h administered via <i>AeroDawg</i>* Chamber</li> <li>Each Metered Dose Inhaler contains 120 puffs</li> </ul>	Overlap with oral prednisolone for 2-3 weeks when starting since Fluticasone <sup>†</sup> HFA takes 1-2 weeks to reach peak effect	Long-term control of airway inflammation

#### NOTES:

- In markets outside the USA fluticasone dosage is: 50, 125 and 250 µg. The reason for the difference is because in the U.S. inhalers are labelled by the amount of drug delivered at the mouthpiece, and in other markets they are labelled by the amount of drug delivered from the valve.<sup>3</sup>
- Albuterol and salbutamol are the same drug. Albuterol (90 $\mu$ g/actuation) is the name used in the U.S. and salbutamol (100  $\mu$ g/ actuation) is the name used in the rest of the world.<sup>3</sup>
- If the dog gets frightened when pressing the inhaler, press the inhaler before placing the mask on the dogs muzzle. Note: this means the dog will receive a lower dose and may then require a second administration to guarantee they receive an adequate amount of medication.<sup>4</sup>
- If the dog is treated with both fluticasone and albuterol, the bronchodilator (albuterol) should be given first.<sup>4</sup>
- Although a number of additional corticosteroid drugs have been produced for inhaled administration, fluticasone is preferred, because it is the most potent and has the longest half-life<sup>1</sup>
- Some of the newer Metered Dose Inhalers include dose indicators. If not, owners are encouraged to keep track of puffs.

<sup>1</sup> Padrid P. Use of inhaled medications to treat respiratory diseases in dogs and cats. Journal of the American Animal Hospital Association 42:165-169 (2006).

<sup>2</sup> Labiris NR, Dolovich MB. Pulmonary drug delivery. Part II: the role of inhalant delivery devices and drug formulations in therapeutic effectiveness of aerosolized medications. Br J Clin Pharmacol 2003;56(6):600-612. <sup>3</sup> Olah GA, Which drugs are used to treat feline asthma? Plumbs Therapeutics Brief May 2015: 18-30.

<sup>4</sup> Pernas GS, Feline asthma. Veterinary Focus. Vol 20 no 2, 2010: 10-17.

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toward the dog and hold the mask in

place for 5-6 breaths