

Oclacitinib

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Key Information

- Used to treat itching due to allergic skin irritation or inflammation.
- May be given with or without food.
- Common side effects include vomiting, diarrhea, decreased appetite, and lack of energy. These usually improve with time.
- Contact your veterinarian if you notice signs of infection or any new or enlarged skin masses.
- Wash your hands immediately after handling the tablets.

Note: The purpose of this information sheet is to answer commonly asked questions. It does not contain all available information for this medication and is not a substitute for medical advice provided by your veterinary healthcare team.

Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-itch agent • Available as oral tablets and chewable tablets
Other common names	<i>Apoquel</i>
Uses	<p>FDA-approved uses in animals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treatment of itching in dogs with allergic skin conditions <p>At the discretion of your veterinarian, this medication may be used in different species or for other reasons (extra-label use), such as for treatment of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Itching from other causes in dogs • Allergic skin conditions in cats • Asthma in cats
Before this medication is given	<p>No medication is 100% safe in all patients. Discuss with your veterinarian:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any other medications or supplements your animal is taking • Any conditions or diseases your animal currently has or has had in the past • Any side effects your animal has had to medications in the past <p>Talk to your veterinarian if your animal will be getting allergy tested.</p>
Warnings for animals	<p>Do not use in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animals that are allergic to this medication • Animals less than 1 year old • Animals with serious infections • Cats with feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV) or feline leukemia virus (FeLV) • Pregnant, or nursing, or breeding animals <p>Use with caution in animals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With <i>Demodex</i> mite infestations (<i>demodicosis</i>) or urinary tract infections • With cancer • Receiving steroids or other immunosuppressive drugs <p>Certain medications are not allowed in some animal competitions. Check rules and regulations when your animal is taking a medication.</p>
Warnings for humans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wash your hands immediately after handling the tablets. • In case of accidental contact with the eyes, immediately flush eyes with water or saline for at least 15 minutes and then contact a physician.
How do I give this medication?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give with or without food.

	<p><i>Give exactly as your veterinarian has prescribed. Always follow the instructions on the prescription label.</i></p>
Side effects	<p>Common – these side effects usually get better with time, but contact your veterinarian if they are severe, continue to occur, or worsen over time:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vomiting, diarrhea, or decreased appetite • Lack of energy <p>Severe – stop the medication and contact your veterinarian immediately if you notice any of these signs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased itching, skin redness, skin swelling, oozing or bleeding sores, or rashes. These may be signs of a skin infection. • Frequent or painful urination, lack of energy, coughing, or poor appetite. These may be signs of an infection. • New growths or an enlargement of existing skin masses
How will I know it's working?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your animal should start feeling better within 1 to 2 days. • Your veterinarian will perform follow-up tests and physical examinations to determine how well your animal is tolerating the medication and evaluate how well it is working. <p><i>Contact your veterinary clinic if your animal's signs worsen or do not improve.</i></p>
How long will the medication effects last?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This medication will stop working within 24 hours of the last dose.
How long do I give it for?	<p>This medication can be given for different lengths of time. Give it for as long as your veterinarian tells you. You may need to refill the prescription.</p>
Overdose	<p>If you witness or suspect an overdose, call your veterinarian or an animal-specific poison control center (consultation fee applies):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center: (888) 426-4435 • Pet Poison Helpline: (855) 764-7661 <p><i>Have the product or label with you if possible.</i></p>
Missed dose	<p>In most cases, if you miss a dose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give it when you remember, then return to the regular dosing schedule. <p>If it is close to the time for the next dose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skip the missed dose. • Give the next dose at the next scheduled time. • Continue the regular dosing schedule. <p><i>If you are unsure, call your veterinary clinic. Do not double-up or give extra doses.</i></p>
Storage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Store in the original container at room temperature. • Keep out of reach of children and animals. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The chewable forms of this medication are meant to be appealing to animals. Secure storage that is well out of reach is important to prevent accidental overdose.
Disposal	<p>Do not flush this medication down the toilet or wash it down the sink. This medication is very harmful to aquatic life. Options for disposing of unused or expired medications include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Drug take-back sites</u>: This is preferred whenever possible. To find a site near you, contact your local law enforcement or waste management authorities. • <u>Home disposal</u>: Mix the medication in with coffee grounds or kitty litter, seal the mixture in a plastic bag, and throw it away in the trash. <p><i>Do not save leftover medication or give it to others to use.</i></p>
Questions?	<p>Talk to your veterinarian.</p>