ZYMOX OTIC PLUS SOLUTION FOR TREATMENT OF OTITIS EXTERNA IN CANINES

The study is to determine the efficacy of Zymox Otic Plus (an enzymatic solution with hydrocortisone) in treating a broad range of microbial organisms in a reduced treatment time.

TO BE ELIGIBLE:

Must be a mild to moderate otitis externa with the current infection being less than 1 month in duration.
Intact Tympanic membrane
Must be willing to schedule appts for rechecks on days 1, 7, and 14.
Must be able to instill medication into affected ear canal(s) daily
Must be willing to provide an assessment of the dog's response to treatment.
Must be in good general health besides the ears.

EXCLUSION CRITERIA:

Chronic otitis externa for a duration of the current infection of greater than 1 month
Calcification or stenosis of the ear canal
Use of topical ear medications within past 2 weeks
Use of systemic antibiotics within past 2 weeks
Use of corticosteroids within past 2 weeks
No parasitic otitis
No otic masses or neoplasia
No foreign bodies
No ruptured TM's
No auto-immune skin disease
If on immunotherapy must be greater than 1 year
No Atopica if less than 8 weeks
No Apoquel if less than 8 weeks
No pregnant or lactating bitches

APPOINTMENTS:
First appointments MUST be made on a Monday with rechecks on following Wednesday and Friday. Then Monday and Thursday the 2nd week and if needed the following Monday (day 14).

RISKS:
No adverse effects are anticipated and the product is commercially available at this time, however it is possible for any dog to develop a reaction to any medications. If any redness or ear-associated pain is observed you should stop the treatment and call us for re-evaluation.

COMPENSATION:
The study will cover the costs of any office calls, ear swabs, cultures and cytology performed as well as the medication. If any adverse events that are directly related to the study are encountered, appropriate treatment will be instituted and covered by the study. If your pet completes the ENTIRE study period you will receive a $50.00 voucher for future use to the VTH. You will be responsible for paying any diagnostic procedures or treatments that you authorize that are not directly related to this study.