

Apoquel

Apoquel® (oclacitinib tablet) is a new allergy medication used to provide relief to itchy dogs that are at least 12 months of age. This includes dogs with atopy (environmental allergy), flea allergy, food allergy, and contact allergy.

It is fast-acting and effectively relieves itch within 24 hours. As a first-of-its-kind drug, Apoquel is not a steroid, antihistamine, or cyclosporine and therefore does not have many of the side effects of these drugs. It can be used with many other medications, including allergy shots, and does not interfere with allergy testing. In addition, Apoquel can be used for both acute and chronic conditions, which is especially wonderful for those dogs needing long-term itch control with minimal side effects.

Important safety information from the Apoquel website:



APOQUEL® should not be used in dogs less than 12 months of age or in dogs with serious infections. APOQUEL may increase the susceptibility to infection and demodicosis and may exacerbate neoplastic conditions. APOQUEL has not been evaluated in combination with systemic immunosuppressive agents such as glucocorticoids or cyclosporine. APOQUEL should not be used in breeding dogs or pregnant or lactating dogs. The most common side effects seen in dogs administered APOQUEL were vomiting and diarrhea. APOQUEL has been safely used in conjunction with other common medications including antibiotics and parasiticides and with vaccinations.
