

# VETERINARY DERMATOLOGY CENTER

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## ALLERGY THERAPY DROPS (ORAL ALLERGY IMMUNOTHERAPY)

In people this type of treatment is called Sublingual Immunotherapy (SLIT). The term "sublingual" means that the allergens are administered under the tongue. In pets we "squirt" the treatment allergens directly into the mouth (do not mix with food) according to the following schedule.

<u>Weeks</u>	<u>Vial 1 (200 PNU/ml)</u>	<u>Vial 2 (1000 PNU/ml)</u>
One & Two	1 pump into mouth ONCE daily	
Three & Four	1 pump into mouth TWICE daily	
Five & Six	2 pumps into mouth TWICE daily	
Seven & Eight		1 pump into mouth ONCE daily
Nine & Ten		1 pump into mouth TWICE daily
Eleven & Twelve		2 pumps into mouth TWICE daily

***...and then continue with the maintenance Vial M (5000 PNU/ml):  
1 pump TWICE daily. This is the dose that will be administered long-term  
(and probably life-long).***

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### A FEW IMPORTANT POINTS:

In most cases allergy drops will be necessary life-long. This treatment helps to control allergy symptoms, but it is not a cure. **The twice daily dose cannot be reduced.**

It's best to keep the vials cool (refrigerated), but it's not critical. Please don't freeze the vials.

These drops should be applied directly to the mouth. Lift the lip and squirt it in. Do NOT mix doses with food or water. The drops have a sweet taste (it should not be offensive).

Your pet should *not* receive food or water for 10 minutes after administration.

Heavy exercise should be avoided for one hour after administration. Short leash walks are allowed. Don't overdo it.

Don't administer on the day of a routine vaccination. You can resume the following day.

In most cases other treatments will initially be necessary to help with comfort (especially during the first 6-9 months).

Reactions are very rare. If your pet becomes itchy or has any problems after administration then please stop and call us before giving the next dose. In some cases dose adjustments may be necessary.

Try not to miss doses. If doses are missed by up to 7 days then you can resume the normal schedule. If more than 7 days has elapsed without a dose then please call the office before resuming.

Maintenance vials should last about 5 months.

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### REORDER INFORMATION:

There should not be interruption of treatment. Please call BEFORE you run out (when there's about 1/2 to 1 INCH of medication left in the bottle). When reordering please keep in mind that we must receive payment for your pet's custom allergy mix. In most instances the allergy vaccine refill will be ready within 2-3 weeks after the order is placed. If you're picking it up from our office please call before you come to make sure it is ready.

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