

LOCAL CLINICAL TRIAL:

NSAID Treatment of Canine Corneal Ulcers



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What if my pet does not take part in this study or stops taking part in this study?

Participation is voluntary. Your choice will not affect your pet's future medical care. If you decide not to take part in this study, your pet will receive the usual treatment approach for his/her eye problem.

What tests/procedures are required to determine if my pet can take part in this study?

We perform the following additional, non-invasive diagnostics/testing to study participants:

Photographs of the affected eye	Standardized grading of the redness,
Exact measurements of the ulcer size	corneal vascularization, degree of squinting
Corneal sensitivity test	or blepharospasm and clarity of the cornea

These parameters will be collected at each recheck exam, which could prolong appointment times.

How long will my pet be in this study?

Your pet will be involved in the study until the ulcer has fully healed. This can range from a few days to a few months based on the type of ulcer.

What possible benefits or risks can I expect from my pet taking part in this study?

We cannot promise any benefits. Ketorolac can provide additional ocular pain relief, reduce inflammation and potentially reduce corneal blood vessel formation and scarring. While unexpected, your pet could experience prolonged healing times if he/she is receiving Ketorolac. However, this medication is part of our standard corneal ulcer treatment protocol, even in patients not enrolled in this study.

What are my responsibilities if my pet participates?

You will be given an unlabeled eye dropper bottle containing Ketorolac or physiologic saline. You will be responsible for following our treatment protocol provided at each exam. We provide a chart that outlines medications to give and how often. We ask that you return for recheck exams every few days (~3 days) to most accurately record the exact day of ulcer healing.

What happens to the information collected for the clinical trial?

Your privacy is important to us. All client details and information obtained from the study will be considered confidential and will be used for research purposes only. We will limit the use and/or disclosure of your information, or that of your pet, to only those who have a need to review this information, including the consulting statistician and journal of publication. We may publish the results of this research, but we will keep your name, the name of your pet and other identifying information confidential.

Is there anything else I should know?

We will provide you with a survey to assess your pet's comfort level at home. This will allow us to further assess either the efficacy of Ketorolac as a pain-reliever or the need to add on additional oral pain medications if your pet is still uncomfortable.

For specific questions about this study, please contact the study veterinarians Dr. Taylor Belk or Dr. Heather Brookshire of Animal Vision Center of Virginia at (757) 749-4838.

For more information, visit our website: animalvisioncenterva.com/NSAID-clinical-trial