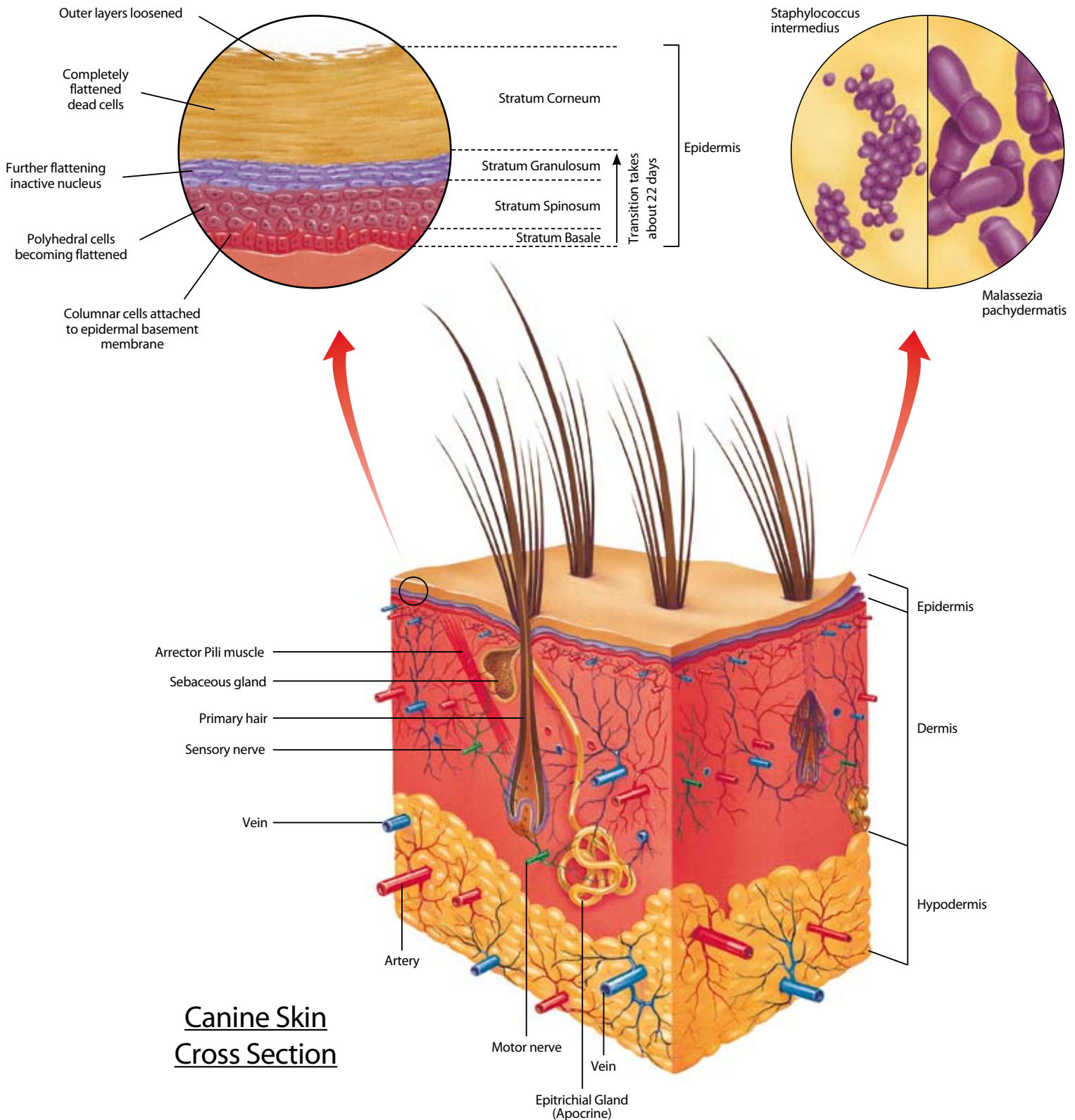


# Fuciderm<sup>®</sup>gel WITH fusidic acid



Canine Skin  
Cross Section

Brought to you by VetXX –  
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Each gram of Fuciderm contains 0.5% fusidic acid and 0.1% betamethasone valerate.  
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## FUCIDERM™ GEL

**Presentation** Fuciderm gel is a white translucent gel containing Fusidic Acid 0.5 % w/w and Betamethasone 0.1 % w/w (as the valerate ester) with Methylparahydroxybenzoate and Propylparahydroxybenzoate as preservatives.

**Uses** Fuciderm gel is used for the topical treatment of certain skin diseases such as wet eczema (acute moist dermatitis) which can occur in isolated patches on the body or in skin folds.

Wet eczema is often made worse by the dog scratching or licking the affected area because of itching or pain.

The skin problem may be associated with flea allergy and your veterinary surgeon may treat your dog for fleas at the same time.

Fuciderm gel contains a well known antibiotic which helps kill the bacteria and a corticosteroid anti-inflammatory which will help relieve the itching and inflammation.

**Dosage and administration** If necessary, clean the infected area of any pus or other material before applying the gel. Use cotton wool dampened with water. Dry before applying the gel.

Squeeze a little of the gel onto the affected area of the skin and spread it gently twice daily.

If you forget to use the gel at any time, use it as soon as you remember. Then go on as before. Complete the normal course as prescribed by your veterinary surgeon which is usually for 5 to a maximum of 7 days.

Follow your veterinary surgeon's instructions about when and how to use the gel. Read the label carefully. Use the gel as your veterinary surgeon has told you.

Avoid getting the gel into your own or your dog's eyes, since it may cause stinging. If it gets into eyes bathe with water.

Wash your hands well after applying the gel.

After a few days of using the gel, the dog's skin condition should start to improve. However, if the problem gets worse or doesn't improve, or if there are any unexpected problems, consult your veterinary surgeon.

**Contra-indications, warnings, etc** As with other topical antibiotic/corticosteroid combinations for treating skin ailments, the gel should not be used if your dog is allergic to the ingredients.

Do not use on skin conditions other than those for which your veterinary surgeon has prescribed Fuciderm gel.

The use of the gel over large surface areas and prolonged treatment should be avoided.

Do not apply to the eye.

For external use only.

The dog should be prevented from licking the affected area. It may be helpful to apply the gel immediately before feeding, or before taking the dog for a walk, in order to distract the dog's attention.

Where there is a risk of the dog scratching or chewing the affected area, preventative measures such as the use of an Elizabethan collar should be considered.

Remember, this treatment is for your dog only. Should the skin condition occur again at a later date, do not use the gel without consulting your veterinary surgeon. Do not use it on other dogs.

**Adverse reactions:** Anti-inflammatory corticosteroids, such as Betamethasone Valerate, are known to exert a wide range of side effects. Whilst single high doses are generally well tolerated, they may induce severe side effects in long term use and when esters possessing a long duration of action are administered. Dosage in medium to long term use should therefore generally be kept to the minimum necessary to control symptoms.

Steroids themselves, during treatment, may cause Cushingoid symptoms involving significant alteration of fat, carbohydrate, protein and mineral metabolism, e.g. redistribution of body fat, muscle weakness and wastage, and osteoporosis may result.

During therapy, effective doses suppress the hypothalamo-pituitary-adrenal axis.

Following cessation of treatment, symptoms of adrenal insufficiency can arise and this may render the animal unable to deal adequately with stressful situations.

Locally applied steroids may cause thinning of the skin.

Corticosteroids may delay wound healing and the immunosuppressant action may weaken resistance to or exacerbate existing infections. In the presence of viral infections, steroids may worsen or hasten the progress of the disease.

Gastrointestinal ulceration has been reported in animals treated with corticosteroids, and gastrointestinal ulceration may be exacerbated by steroids in patients given non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs and in animals with spinal cord trauma.

Steroids may cause enlargement of the liver (hepatomegaly) with increased serum hepatic enzymes.

If you notice any serious effects or other effects not mentioned in this data sheet, please inform your veterinary surgeon.

*Use during pregnancy and lactation:* Do not use on pregnant bitches or if you suspect she is pregnant.

*Operator warnings:* When applying the gel, please remember that corticosteroids may produce irreversible effects in the skin; they can be absorbed and may have harmful effects, especially with frequent and extensive contact or in pregnancy. Always wear single-use disposable gloves when applying this product to animals. Wash hands after use.

*General precautions:* For animal treatment only.

**Pharmaceutical precautions** Do not store above 25°C. Do not refrigerate or freeze. Keep all medicines out of the reach and sight of children.

Do not use after the expiry date stated on the carton.

*Disposal:* Dispose of used packaging in the household refuse. Unused product should be returned to the veterinary surgeon.

**Legal category** POM-V

**Packaging Quantities** Nature and composition of immediate packaging: Tubes of 5 g, 15 g or 30 g.

Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

**Further information** This data sheet gives you some helpful information about Fuciderm gel. If you have any questions or are not sure about anything, ask your veterinary surgeon.

To be supplied only on veterinary prescription.

Veterinary medicinal products authorised for use in UK and IE.

*Manufacturer for the batch release:* LEO Laboratories Limited, Dublin 12, Ireland

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