

Tacrolimus

What is tacrolimus used to treat?

Tacrolimus is a generic drug for Prograf®. It is an immunosuppressive agent used to treat keratoconjunctivitis sicca or (KCS), also known as dry eye. Tacrolimus can stimulate tear production in dogs and cats. Animals with dry eyes will need to receive treatment for the rest of their lives. Also, it can be used to treat dermatologic problems such as Superficial Keratitis, Dermatitis, and Atopic Dermatitis.

What are the side effects of tacrolimus on cats or dogs?

Side effects are uncommon but may include mild irritation upon application of the eyes, eyelid twitches, or hair loss around the eye.

Serious side effects include difficulty breathing, facial swelling, hives, weakness, or tiredness

If you suspect any side effects, overdose, or an adverse reaction to tacrolimus ophthalmic, call your vet office immediately or [A.S.P.C.A.'s Animal Poison Control Center](#) at 888.426.4435. A change in dose or medication may be warranted based on the determination of the veterinarian.

How do I know if I need tacrolimus to treat my cat or dog?

Some signs of dry eye or KCS that can be displayed in your pet include the following: discomfort, squinting or pawing at the eyes, and reddened conjunctiva.

Where can I get tacrolimus to treat my cat or dog?

Tacrolimus can be obtained at a veterinary clinic or compounding pharmacy. You will need a valid prescription from your veterinarian if you plan to fill the medication at the pharmacy. Professional Arts Pharmacy has the medication in stock, and we offer local pickup in Ellicott City, Maryland. If you reside in other states, your medication can be shipped and delivered within 1-2 days from the day of ordering. If you have questions about ordering this medication, please give us a call at 443-200-1200 or visit our website at www.WeMakeMeds.com.

Disclaimer: Not intended to be a replacement for professional veterinarian advice, diagnosis, or treatment. Always seek the advice of your veterinarian with any questions you may have regarding the medical condition of your pet. If you believe your pet has a medical emergency, call, or visit your vet office or your local veterinary emergency hospital immediately.