FELINE ASTHMA



The *AeroKat** Feline Aerosol Chamber is designed to be used with a Metered Dose Inhaler (puffer) to deliver aerosol medication to cats with feline asthma, chronic bronchitis or allergic rhinitis.

The use of inhaled medication provides targeted delivery of medication to the lungs and reduces the side effects seen in cats treated with systemic medications.¹ Therapeutic effect can often be achieved with only a fraction of the dose required for systemic delivery of the same drug.²

*Flow-Vu** Inhalation Indicator



Acrokat Standard

-eline Aerosol Chambe

The *Flow-Vu** Indicator moves with inhalation and provides the caregiver with visual confirmation of the cat inhaling their medication. This is important because some cats hold their breath when first introduced to the mask. The *Flow-Vu** Indicator also allows the caregiver to count breaths and ensure a proper facemask seal.

2 Mask Sizes

Each device is shipped with 2 different sized facemasks. The mask should cover the cat's nose and mouth but not the eyes.

Inhalation Valve

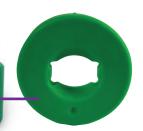
Extra sensitive, low resistance valve is designed to respond to shallow, low volume breaths

Anti-static Chamber

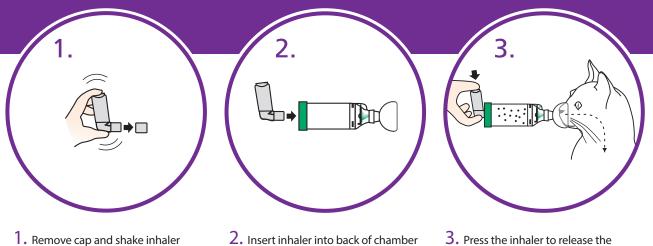
Holds the medication allowing the cat more time to inhale

Universal Backpiece

Can be used with all commonly prescribed Metered Dose Inhalers (Note: not designed for use with Dry Powder Inhalers)



Easy to Use



- Insert inhaler into back of chamber and gently apply the mask to the cat's face
- 3. Press the inhaler to release the medication when the *Flow-Vu** Inhalation Indicator is moving toward the cat and hold the mask in place for 5–6 breaths

Metered Dose Inhaler Treatment

Adapted from: Padrid P. Use of inhaled medications to treat respiratory diseases in dogs and cats. Journal of the American Animal Hospital Association 42:165-169 (2006).

DRUG	DOSE	USAGE	INDICATION
 Salbutamol Available through different manufacturers Single uniform strength: 100 μg/ actuation 	 1-2 puffs (100 μg/puff) administered via <i>AeroKat*</i> Chamber Each Metered Dose Inhaler contains 200 puffs 	 Use as needed, but not routinely In emergency cases, albuterol can be used q30 minutes for up to 4 to 6 hours without serious side effects 	Immediate relief of bronchoconstriction
 Fluticasone Propionate Brand name: Flixotide[†] Evohaler[†] Metered Dose Inhaler Available in three strengths: 50 μg, 125 μg and 250 μg/actuation 	 1 puff (125 µg) q12h administered via <i>AeroKat</i>* Chamber Each Metered Dose Inhaler contains 120 puffs Cats with more serious disease may require 250 µg q12h⁴ 	Overlap with oral prednisolone for 2-3 weeks when starting since Fluticasone [†] HFA takes 1-2 weeks to reach peak effect	Long-term control of airway inflammation

NOTES:

• If the cat gets frightened when pressing the inhaler, press the inhaler before placing the mask on the cat's face.

Note: this means the cat will receive a lower dose and may then require a second administration to guarantee that it receives an adequate amount of medication for treatment.³

- If the cat is treated with both fluticasone and salbutamol, the salbutamol should be given first.³
- Some of the newer Metered Dose Inhalers include dose indicators. If not, owners are encouraged to keep track of puffs.

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