



## Treatment Set Guidelines for Allergenic Extract Prescription Product

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**Storage:** Refrigerate the Allergy Treatment Set upon arrival. Although refrigeration is not required for shipment, extracts should be stored in the refrigerator at 2°C to 7°C. DO NOT FREEZE.

It is recommended that the initial injections be given at the veterinarian's office. Always observe the patient for at least thirty (30) minutes after the injection and be aware of how to recognize and treat systemic reactions. See Insert: PRECAUTIONS.

At the veterinarian's discretion, a responsible owner may administer injections. Be sure a record of injection date, dose and response to all injections is kept on the Injection Schedule. Always observe the animal for at least thirty (30) minutes for signs of reactions. Owners should be instructed to call their veterinarian if any adverse symptoms are observed.

**Adjustments:** **Use the Injection Schedule as a guide to dosage and procedure.** As always, the veterinarian should exercise judgment based on personal knowledge of the patient. Adjustments to the dosage schedule can and should be made in the event of systemic or significant local reactions. If needed, veterinarians may call Pet Allergy Laboratory, phone no. 512-219-7257 for assistance with dosage adjustments or dilution questions.

Injections should be administered subcutaneously. **Never give intravenously.** Use a sterile needle and syringe for each injection. Always pull back the plunger before injecting the extract: if blood returns, withdraw the needle and choose a different site. For allergy treatments containing two (2) treatment sets, each injection should be given using a separate, sterile needle and syringe. Both injections may be given at the same time, but different sites should be selected.

Avoid concurrent administration of corticosteroids during the initial desensitization period (at least two (2) weeks). Other medications and treatments such as antihistamines, shampoos, rinses and sprays may be used to control symptoms during this time. Consult your veterinarian for recommendations.

Most animals demonstrate improvement of symptoms within 4-6 months. However, improvement may be delayed for up to 1 year. For best results, adhere to the recommended Injection Schedule. Treatment is likely to be lifelong.

**Maintenance (Refill) Vials:** New extracts are more potent than aged extracts. The first dose from a refill maintenance vial should be significantly lower than the last dose given. Start thirty (30) days after the last injection and follow the recommended Refill/Maintenance Schedule.

If symptoms return in an animal that has been previously controlled with desensitization, please consult your veterinarian. Adjustments to the Injection Schedule may be required or a re-check may be recommended. New allergies may develop, especially in younger animals.