



EXELAND, MALE, AGE 9 YEARS, LABRADOR RETRIEVER

Veterinarian: Dr Lisa Reiter, University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine, Minneapolis, MN

CYTOPOINT® can be used even in dogs with challenging comorbidities¹

Exeland suffers from both blastomycosis and canine atopic dermatitis

Exeland had suffered all his life from chronic year-round canine atopic dermatitis with severe seasonal exacerbations. Antihistamines, glucocorticoids (oral and injectable), cyclosporine, allergen-specific immunotherapy and a strict elimination diet had failed to control his disease. Exeland's clinical picture became more complicated when he was diagnosed with blastomycosis with severe pulmonary and ocular infiltration and secondary bacterial pneumonia. He was prescribed various antifungals, including itraconazole, parenteral amphotericin B and voriconazole.

When Exeland presented to Dr Reiter, he had generalized superficial bacterial folliculitis and bilateral Malassezia otitis. He was receiving 10 mg prednisone every other day; despite this, Dr Reiter rated his pruritus 10/10.

Treatment decision

Exeland's treatment team was reluctant to increase the prednisone dose above 10 mg every other day due to Exeland's systemic fungal disease. Because of Exeland's serious infection, a number of potential treatments were contraindicated. Dr Reiter decided to give Exeland an injection of CYTOPOINT.

CYTOPOINT treatment result

Exeland's owner called 2 days after the initial injection to report that Exeland's itch was 0/10. Exeland's itch remained controlled for nearly 3 months after the first injection. Dr Reiter reports that Exeland's blastomycosis continues to improve clinically, and his Blastomyces antigen urine titer continues to decrease. Exeland has remained free of skin and ear infections.

“THIS DRUG TRULY SAVED BOTH [THE OWNER’S] AND MY PATIENT’S LIVES! I DON’T KNOW WHAT I WOULD HAVE DONE WITHOUT HAVING ACCESS TO THIS AMAZING DRUG. THANK YOU ZOETIS!”

– Dr Lisa Reiter, Exeland's DVM

Indications: CYTOPOINT has been shown to be effective for the treatment of dogs against allergic dermatitis and atopic dermatitis.

Reference: 1. Data on file, CYTOPOINT Case Studies, Zoetis Inc.

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