



Hearn Veterinary Services

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Equine Inhaler Administration

Inhalers are used together with Equine Aeromask to supply an excellent method of delivering respiratory medications directly to the airways.

Use of Inhaler: Shake inhaler for 30 seconds and puff into air chamber. Attach air chamber to intake valve on the front of the mask as the horse is breathing in. Remove the inhaler, shake for 30 seconds and repeat the administration.

Holding Breath: Many horses will attempt to hold their breath because the inhaler is mildly irritating. There are two ways to get around this problem:

1. Walk the horse while administering each puff. Horses tend to continue to breath while walking.
2. Place your hand over the intake valve and force the horse to hold its breath for 10 to 15 seconds. Then release your hand, puff the inhaler into the air chamber, and attach it to the intake valve.

Equine Aeromask: The aeromask tends to accumulate a lot of dirt which sticks to the moist interior. I therefore recommend that it be washed out daily. If any of the valves start to malfunction they can be easily replaced (I have lots of spare parts).