

AN INTERVIEW WITH SUSAN MERENSTEIN, R.PH

DEVELOPER OF GREYHOUND CORN AND CALLUS CREAM.

Where did you receive your education?

I graduated in 1981 from the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy with a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy.

What made you choose the foot problems of greyhounds as a focal point?

Compounding pharmacists are problem solvers and one day a pet shop owner came to me with an issue of pain on the pad of her beloved greyhound. At the time her vet had no idea what the issue was but the dog was not herself and was not playing or running and even walking was a problem. I came up with a solution that would take care of several issues— inflammation, anti-viral activity, keratolytic action, and healing of course. We had the owner apply the cream twice a day after a 20 minute pre-application with pure Hyaluronic Acid (available at the Apothecary). We recommended occlusion of the pad with a baggie and Velcro straps. After the HA was on for 20 minutes, the owner then applied the Corn Cream and occluded for 20 minutes. After 10 days of twice a day application the corn came out! We now knew for sure what it was. The dog started running and playing again and both were very happy.

A local news station picked up the story and the rest is history...we have done almost 400 tubes to date! And we are working with Dr. Couto of OSU doing a pre-trial. I hope to meet with him very soon in person!

Are there products for other animals you provide through your business?

Yes, we have a complete line of animal supplements like probiotics, anti-anxiety OTC's, anti-allergy products, fish oils, joint products and Therapaws...we make other topicals as well for discoid Lupus and other topical issues like dermatitis and skin allergies.

How long did it take to develop the formula, and what is the success rate for the treatment?

The formula took me about two days to develop in my state-of-the-art laboratory. We are tracking results through a survey that all clients receive by e-mail, and sending these to Dr. Couto of OSU. So far we have an excellent success rate, and often complete resolution of the corn. Our best was resolved in four days and our longest treatment is a dog with corns on all pads, who has an immune issue as well, and that has taken five months.

What are your future plans?

I hope to work with OSU and others to extend this treatment to many more greys...

We are developing a discoid lupus cream for the nose of a grey that has lost its black color...we just dispensed it and I am excited to see the results.....

We are all animal lovers at the Apothecary and we love to see them come visit anytime. And it warms my heart to see a happy Grey or any animal for that matter!



Prior to treatment, Bentley the Greyhound shows a hard lump on one pad, making it difficult to play and run. His owner, Vincent Fortin, starts the regimen which includes the special compound developed by Pharmacist Susan Merenstein.



After one week of treatment, the corn starts to emerge as the culprit of the discomfort.



In the third week, the corn has fully emerged, allowing for easy and painless removal. The pad under the corn is soft and fully healed.

