

The Irish Equine Centre Johnstown, Naas, Co. Kildare







# Canine Autogenous Probiotic - FAQ's

## Q1: Do I have to give the probiotic to my dog at the same time every day?

No, you don't. The probiotic is 100% natural and is not a medicinal product, therefore, time of dose is not important. It's best to give it at a time that's convenient to you.

#### Q2: Do I have to give the probiotic to my dog every day?

Yes, you do. In-order to achieve the full effect of the probiotic you need to follow the complete course. The probiotic contains live bacteria taken from your dog's faecal sample, it needs time to re-establish the balance in the gut. Every day is a step towards achieving that balance.

## Q3: What if I forget to give my dog the probiotic, do I give a double dose the next time?

Not to worry if you forget, just the give the **normal** dosage the following day, in other words do not double -dose.

### Q4: I find it difficult to syringe the liquid into my dog's mouth, can I add it to his/her food?

If you are finding it difficult to syringe the probiotic directly into your dog's mouth, put the solution into a disposable bowl and let the dog drink the liquid directly. It is best not to add the probiotic to the food, as drinking/syringing the probiotic directly into the mouth aids a quicker target delivery of the live bacteria to the gut. The probiotic can be syringed onto the food as a last resort.

#### Q5: What if I spill some of the probiotic?

Make sure to clean the spillage with disinfectant (either spray or solution) as the probiotic contains live bacteria. Continue with the remainder probiotic you have left. We have the bacteria stored from your dog so we can make up another one if you should so require.

#### Q6: I forget how many days my dog has been on the probiotic, what do I do?

The preparation date of the probiotic can be found on the label of the probiotic container. If you collected the probiotic from us and started the same day, count 20 days from the preparation date. If the probiotic was posted count 21 (or 24 if in the UK) from preparation date.

## Q7: Can I give the probiotic to my geriatric/diabetic/pregnant dog?

As long as we received the faecal sample from the dog you are asking about, then, yes you can. The probiotic is prepared from your dog's own bacteria and is unique to that dog.

## Q8: My dog is on antibiotics; can I still give the probiotic?

Yes, you can. The probiotic has been shown to minimise the detrimental effects of antibiotics in the gut and aid in the recovery time of the re-establishment of the micro flora of the gut.

## Q9: If you have any further queries, you can contact us...

An experienced Microbiologist at The Irish Equine Centre, will be available to take your call Mon-Fri, 9am to 5pm. We are here to help you with your query, just ask for a member of the Micro lab team. Telephone 00353-45-866266 or email us at microlab@irishequinecentre.ie