



Understanding Adequan® Canine for Osteoarthritis in Dogs

Osteoarthritis (OA) is a progressive, painful condition that affects many dogs as they age, or after injury. Early diagnosis and proactive treatment can make a big difference in your dog's comfort and mobility over time.

Adequan® Canine is an injectable treatment that works inside the joint to slow cartilage breakdown, support joint repair, and manage inflammation and pain. It's currently the only FDA-approved disease-modifying osteoarthritis drug (DMOAD) for dogs.

How Adequan® Canine Works

Osteoarthritis doesn't just cause pain — it gradually wears away the cartilage that cushions your dog's joints. Adequan Canine helps by:

- **Inhibiting enzymes** that break down cartilage
- **Stimulating the production of new cartilage-building components**
- **Reducing inflammation and pain** inside the joint
- **Slowing further cartilage deterioration**

By addressing the underlying disease process, not just the symptoms, Adequan Canine can help dogs stay more active and comfortable for longer.

When to Consider Adequan® Canine

Adequan Canine can be beneficial at different stages of osteoarthritis:

- **Early diagnosis:** Starting treatment early may help slow joint damage before more significant pain and stiffness develop.
- **Later stages:** In dogs already experiencing more advanced arthritis, Adequan Canine can help reduce pain, improve mobility, and enhance quality of life.

Because osteoarthritis is progressive, managing it early and consistently is key to maintaining long-term joint health.

Treatment Overview

- **How it's given:** Intramuscular injection
- **Typical dosing:** Twice weekly for up to 4 weeks (total of 8 injections)
- **Monitoring:** Improvements in mobility are often noticed within a few weeks after starting the initial treatment series.

Ongoing monitoring and potential retreatment plans are based on how your dog responds and any return of clinical signs.

Is Adequan® Canine Right for My Dog?

Not every dog is a candidate for every therapy. **Dogs with certain bleeding disorders or known hypersensitivities to polysulfated glycosaminoglycan should not receive Adequan Canine.** Your veterinarian can help determine if this treatment fits your dog's individual needs based on their diagnosis, health history, and lifestyle.

If your dog has been diagnosed with osteoarthritis or you have concerns about their mobility, talk to our veterinary team about whether Adequan® Canine could be part of their care plan.