

FOR ANIMAL TREATMENT ONLY  
RESTRICTED VETERINARY MEDICINE

# PHENAX<sup>®</sup> CLASSIC

Scabby mouth vaccine for sheep and goats.

## ACTIVE CONSTITUENTS

A live virus vaccine of contagious pustular dermatitis (scabby mouth or orf) virus.

## DIRECTIONS FOR USE

- Unscrew the cap and remove the tamper-proof seal using the tool at the end of the cap.
- Invert and tap the applicator to allow a droplet of vaccine to fall onto the vaccination site. Generally this is the inner thigh region of the animal.
- Make two (2) scratches (approx. 25 mm) forming an 'X' through the droplet.
- The skin must be broken, but do not scratch so heavily that blood washes the vaccine away. The blue coloured vaccine should be visible along the scratches.

## CLEANING

Occasionally the applicator may become blocked with sheep wool. To clear, pull wire gently (preferably with pliers) until it stops and re-insert. Note: Care is to be taken not to have contact with the vaccine.

## EVALUATION

Vaccination will induce the formation of a macropapular lesion at the vaccination site. The lesion typically appears as a whitish thickened or raised area about the skin over the scratch mark, often up to 2-5 mm across with accompanying reddening to the surrounding periphery approximately 5-8 days after vaccination. Examine a minimum of 20 animals to evaluate the vaccination process. Any animals that have not had 'takes' of their vaccination should be revaccinated and examined after a further 8 days.

PHENAX<sup>®</sup> CLASSIC is potent and is thoroughly tested before distribution. Failure to produce 'takes' in vaccinated animals may be due to poor vaccination technique, pre-existing immunity in the vaccinated animals, or vaccine used outside the expiry date for the batch.

## POST-VACCINATION CARE

Vaccinated animals can be returned to

conventional pasture conditions. It is advisable to avoid grazing animals on pastures where heavy growth of thistle, gorse or other rough fodder is available for up to 25 days following vaccination. Vaccinated animals seldom contract overt scabby mouth and re-vaccination is not necessary.

## PRECAUTIONS

PHENAX<sup>®</sup> CLASSIC contains infectious orf virus. This virus can infect humans. Care should be taken to avoid contact with the vaccine, especially to cuts, scratches or abrasions. Avoid accidental injury from the scratcher probe of the applicator. In the event of contact, wash the affected area with clean soapy water and treat with a disinfectant. In event of infection, seek the advice of your local medical practitioner.

## DISPOSAL

PHENAX<sup>®</sup> CLASSIC should be considered hazardous to health even outside of its expiry date stamp. Used vaccinators should be disposed of by burning.

## STORAGE

PHENAX<sup>®</sup> CLASSIC has been formulated and tested to enhance stability and shelf life when stored at between 4°C and -18°C. PHENAX<sup>®</sup> CLASSIC will not freeze under these conditions. Always store unused PHENAX<sup>®</sup> CLASSIC vials in a freezer (-18°C) not a refrigerator. Opened vials must be used within 10 hours.

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