

Talking Animals ~South Coast Vet Care

CARTROPHEN INJECTIONS

What are they and what will they do for my pet?

Cartrophen injections are used to treat osteoarthritis (degenerative joint disease).

Joint cartilage is normally a smooth almost frictionless surface, which has shock absorbing properties.

Osteoarthritis is a disease causing inflammation and damage to the joints – affecting your pets mobility, level of activity and quality of life. The signs of arthritis are initially stiffness, which progresses to obvious lameness and joint pain. Animals of all ages can be affected. Osteoarthritis often occurs after trauma to a joint or as a result of wear and tear on joints in older animals.

Pentosan Polysulphate, the active ingredient in Cartrophen:

- Reduces pain by its anti-inflammatory action, which helps relieve the symptoms of arthritis – pain, stiffness and lameness. Cartrophen has none of the side affects sometimes associated with 'anti-inflammatories'.
- It stimulates the production of cartilage pre-cursors, which help cartilage heal.
- It improves the blood flow to the joint resulting in more rapid healing.
- It inhibits some of the enzyme processes which attack the cartilage and therefore helps slow the progression of arthritis.

Following treatment, relief typically lasts for a number of months.

The best long term results are achieved with an Initial treatment of one injection per week for 4 weeks, followed by 3 monthly injections.

Cartrophen treats the disease not just relieves the pain.