

## Ophthalmic Medications Update

Due to a nationwide back order, generic dorzolamide is no longer available at the majority of pharmacies in the United States, including the University of Missouri Veterinary Health Center. Additionally, there is a nationwide back order on the combination medication Cosopt (dorzolamide/timolol). If your pet has been prescribed dorzolamide or dorzolamide/timolol, this medication should not be stopped unless directed by a veterinarian. Stopping this medication abruptly can jeopardize your pet's ocular health and damage vision, therefore it is imperative to plan ahead to ensure there is no lapse in therapy. Alternative options are listed below: (Please note that prices may vary over time.)

### 1. Brinzolamide (Azopt):

Brinzolamide is in the same drug class as dorzolamide and can be used as a substitute. Brinzolamide is available at most human pharmacies with a written prescription from a veterinarian. The cost for brinzolamide is approximately \$300 for a 10 ml bottle. If you elect this option, call the VHC at 573-882-7821 and ask to speak with the ophthalmology assistant. A prescription will be sent to your local pharmacy within 24 hours.

### 2. Trusopt:

Dorzolamide sold as the brand Trusopt can be purchased from the VHC pharmacy. The cost for Trusopt is approximately \$153 per 10 ml bottle. To choose this option, call the VHC at 573-882-7821 to speak with the ophthalmology assistant. A prescription will be submitted to our pharmacy for pick-up or can be mailed to a Missouri address; please specify your preference during the call. Please allow two-three business days for this medication to be ready once you call.

### 3. Stokes Pharmacy:

Dorzolamide can be compounded through Stokes. The cost is \$68 plus shipping per 10 ml bottle.

Dorzolamide/Timolol (Cosopt) can be compounded through Stokes. The cost is \$79 plus shipping per 10 ml bottle.

To choose this option, call the VHC at 573-882-7821 and ask to speak with the ophthalmology assistant. A prescription will be submitted within 24 hours to Stokes Pharmacy and the pharmacy will call you to obtain your shipping and billing information. The medication will then be shipped directly to your address. Please allow 7-10 days for this medication to arrive once ordered; however, express shipping can be selected. If you have questions for Stokes pharmacy or need refills, call 1-800-754-5222 or visit:

<https://clientportal.myifill.com/>

### 4. Northwest Canadian Pharmacy:

Dorzolamide can be ordered from Northwest Pharmacy. The cost for this option depends on the size bottle you elect to purchase. The cost for a 10 ml bottle is \$41 plus shipping.

Dorzolamide/Timolol (Cosopt) can be ordered from a Northwest Pharmacy. The cost for this option depends on the size bottle you elect to purchase. The cost for a 10 ml bottle is \$57 plus shipping.

If you elect this option a written prescription from a licensed veterinarian is needed. Call the VHC at 573-882-7821 to speak with the ophthalmology assistant to have the prescription emailed, faxed, or mailed to you. To order the medication, visit <https://www.northwestpharmacy.com/> and search for dorzolamide, then select Trusopt eye drops (Dorzolamide HCl). Several bottle sizes are available for your convenience. You may also order by calling 1-866-539-5330. Please allow three weeks for the medication to arrive once ordered.

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