

Canine Fresh Frozen Plasma (FFP)



For animal treatment only

Presentation:

Canine Fresh Frozen Plasma (FFP) is plasma which has been separated from whole blood and frozen within 24 hours post collection. It contains all plasma proteins including the labile and non labile clotting factors.

One Standard Unit is approximately 200ml; One Half Unit is approximately 100ml. These contain Fresh Frozen Plasma in CPD anticoagulant.

Uses:

Fresh Frozen Plasma may be indicated for the treatment of clotting factor deficiencies, plasma protein deficiencies and disseminated intravascular coagulation. Fresh Frozen Plasma is a more effective source of therapeutic levels of labile clotting factors Fibrinogen (factor I), factor VIII and von Willebrands factor than Frozen Plasma.

Dosage and Administration:

Fresh Frozen Plasma is intended for intravenous use only.

Dosage: The standard recommended dose for clotting factor deficiencies is 10-20 ml/kg twice daily. However every patient should be monitored as to their individual response and the required dose may need to be more or less than this standard dose. Patients should continue to be treated until appropriate resolution of clinical signs.

Rate of Administration: The calculated dose should be given within 4 hours to normovolaemic patients. Hypovolaemic patients may tolerate or require transfusion more rapidly. Fresh Frozen Plasma should be used with caution and rapid transfusion should be discouraged in patients with cardiac disease or risk of circulatory embarrassment.

Administration: Fresh Frozen Plasma packs once thawed and breached for use must be used within 4 hours and any product remaining after this time discarded.

Always administer using a blood giving set or suitable inline blood filter. Fresh Frozen Plasma needs to be thawed to room temperature before administration. Do not mix or administer any other intravenous drugs or products through the same IV line. 0.9% saline ONLY can be used to flush IV lines and catheter.

Monitoring: The infusion should be commenced slowly and the patient monitored closely (see adverse reactions). It is recommended that patients be monitored using a transfusion record form, available to download from the Pet Blood Bank website.

Precautions, Warnings and Adverse Reactions:

Canine Fresh Frozen Plasma is for use in puppies and adult dogs only.

Precautions: Inspect before use. If you have any concerns please contact Pet Blood Bank for further advice.

Handling Precautions: In case of accidental contact with skin, wash affected areas thoroughly with warm soapy water. Unused product and empty pack should be discarded and disposed of as clinical waste.

Warning: Care should be taken to avoid volume overload.

In spite of serological and PCR testing performed on a proportion of the donors, a risk of transmitting infectious agents to the patient is present. Careful donor selection, care, and available laboratory tests do not eliminate this hazard.

Adverse Reactions to Fresh Frozen Plasma:

Acute and delayed, immunological and non-immunological transfusion reactions can occur with products of this type. These can manifest a variety of clinical signs. If during the transfusion, tachycardia, increased temperature, hyperventilation, emesis, hives or trembling occur slow the transfusion down. Categorise the type of reaction and treat appropriately. Should serious symptoms continue the transfusion should be abandoned.

Delayed reactions can occur days to weeks post transfusion. All potential transfusion reactions should be reported immediately using a transfusion reaction form, available to download from the Pet Blood Bank website.

Storage: Fresh Frozen Plasma must be stored at -18°C or below. A chest freezer is preferred due to the improved temperature stability offered. Freezers with a defrost cycle must not be used. The lower the storage temperature the more reliable the retention of the coagulation factors within the product.

Leakage: If leakage becomes apparent the entire pack must be discarded.

Shelf Life: Fresh Frozen Plasma has a shelf life of 1 year from date of collection.

The product label indicates the expiry date. Beyond this expiry date the product can be relabelled, stored and used as Frozen Plasma for a further 4 years. Blood products must not be administered to a patient after their expiry date (apart from as detailed above). Once expired they should be discarded into clinical waste.

Warning: Remove carefully from the freezer & protective packaging, as the pack becomes quite brittle when frozen and may easily crack or be otherwise damaged through rough handling. To prepare for administration passive warming at room temperature is recommended. Where active warming is required do NOT use a microwave oven. Place in a waterproof zip lock bag and immerse the bag in a water bath of not more than 37°C .

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