

INTRODUCING VETSPON[®]

ABSORBABLE HEMOSTATIC GELATIN SPONGES.

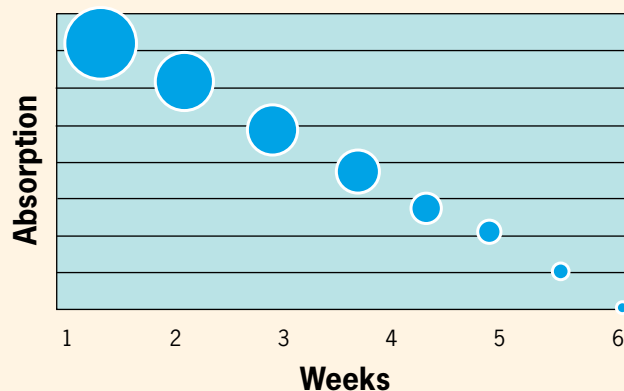


PERFORMANCE WHERE IT REALLY COUNTS.

- VETSPON is an absorbable gelatin sponge made exclusively for veterinary surgery.
- Provides effective, quick and easy hemostasis during general surgery and dental procedures.
- Sterile, water-insoluble and pliable.
- Available in VETSPON Dental Absorbable Gelatin Sponge, U.S.P. and VETSPON Flex Absorbable Gelatin Sponge, U.S.P.

100% ABSORBABLE. ZERO WORRIES.

- If left in the body, VETSPON will absorb biologically over a four-to-six week period.



VETSPON[®]
Absorbable Hemostatic Gelatin Sponge

FAST. EFFECTIVE. EASY.

Preventing or stopping bleeding is vital, sometimes even critical, in veterinary surgery. VETSPON® Absorbable Hemostatic Gelatin Sponges provide an effective, user-friendly way to control oozing bleeding to help promote positive surgical outcomes for your patients.

KEY ADVANTAGES OF VETSPON

- By stopping oozing bleeding, VETSPON helps to increase visibility, allowing you to operate in a “clear,” dry area which can:
 - Save valuable surgical and anesthesia time
 - Help to enhance surgical precision
 - Help lead to faster recovery time
- By being implantable, VETSPON can help prevent internal post-operative oozing.

VETSPON DENTAL CUBES*

- Dental extractions
- Tumor removal
- Laceration/trauma/wound repair
- Biopsies

Available in boxes of 16 cubes, each 1 cm x 1 cm x 1 cm.

VETSPON FLEX SHEETS*

- Tumor removal
- Spay/neuter procedures
- Wound/laceration/trauma repair
- Large dental extractions

Available in boxes of 6 sheets, each 2 cm x 6 cm x 0.7 cm.

FLEXIBILITY AND INTEGRITY ALL IN ONE SPONGE.

- VETSPON can be used DRY when structure is required in the procedure.
- VETSPON can also be PRE-WETTED with sterile saline when a softer, faster absorbing sponge is required.
- VETSPON Dental cubes are very pliable so they can be easily molded to desired shape.
- No two surgeries or patients are exactly alike so VETSPON can be easily cut to the desired size and shape for the particular procedure and individual patient.



VETSPON Dental Cubes



VETSPON Flex Sheets



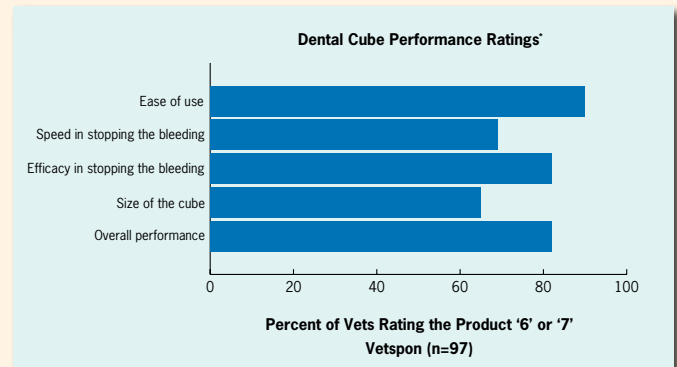
VETSPON sponges maintain their spongy integrity when wet.



“VETSPON Dental was very helpful in stopping oozing hemorrhage. Patients were able to go home without any drainage from extracted teeth. That made me and the client much happier.”*

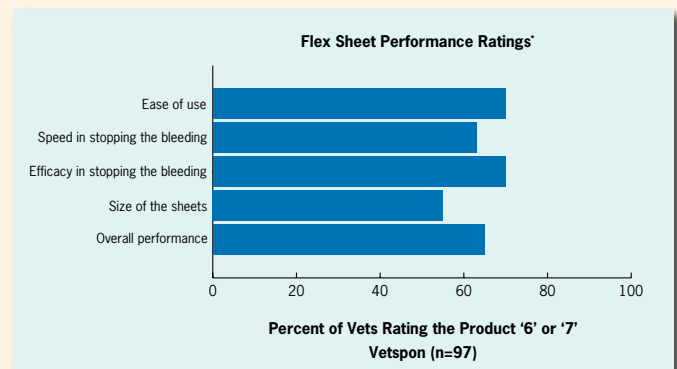
VETERINARIANS WHO HAVE USED VETSPON SAY IT PERFORMS BETTER* THAN OTHER HEMOSTASIS PRODUCTS

- In a recent survey among veterinarians who have tried VETSPON, they say VETSPON outperformed other hemostasis products in these important areas:
 - Ease of use
 - Efficacy and speed in stopping the bleeding
 - Product size
 - Overall performance

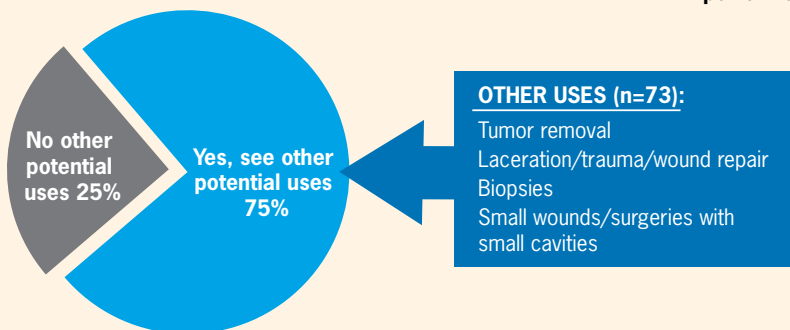


VETERINARIANS PREFER VETSPON* FOR DENTAL EXTRACTIONS

- Veterinarians surveyed who use absorbable hemostasis products for dental extractions say they are likely to switch from their current products to VETSPON Dental.
 - They especially like the size/shape of VETSPON Dental.
 - 75% say they see potential uses beyond dental extractions.



Percentage based on a scale of 1 to 7 with 1 representing poor performance and 7 representing excellent performance.



- Veterinarians say they would likely use VETSPON Flex in a variety of procedures including tumor removal, biopsies and spay/neuter surgeries.
 - They particularly like the flexibility to cut the sheet to the exact shape needed.



VETSPON flex sheets can be cut to the exact shape needed.

“Hemostasis was excellent with VETSPON Flex, even for a problem case of a non-responsive hematoma that was previously corrected with surgery.”*

VetSPON® Flex Absorbable Gelatin Sponge, U. S. P.

VetSPON® Dental Absorbable Gelatin Sponge

Caution: Federal (U.S.A.) law restricts this device to sale by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian.

DESCRIPTION

VETSPON® Absorbable Gelatin Sponges are sterile, water-insoluble, malleable, absorbable porcine gelatin sponges intended for hemostasis by applying to a bleeding surface. They are off-white and porous in appearance.

INDICATIONS FOR USE

VETSPON, used dry or saturated with sterile sodium chloride solution, is indicated for hemostasis in surgical procedures (except urologic and ophthalmic), when control of capillary or small venous or arteriolar bleeding (oozing bleeding) by pressure, ligature or other conventional procedures are ineffective or impractical.

CONTRAINDICATIONS

Do not use VETSPON in closure of skin incisions because it may interfere with the healing of skin edges. This interference is due to mechanical interposition of gelatin and is not secondary to intrinsic interference with wound healing. Do not use VETSPON in intravascular compartments because of the risk of embolization. Do not use VETSPON in patients with known allergies to porcine collagen or gelatin.

WARNINGS

VETSPON is not intended as a substitute for meticulous surgical technique and the proper application of ligatures or other conventional procedures for hemostasis. VETSPON should not be used in the presence of infection. VETSPON should be used with caution in contaminated areas of the body. If signs of infection or abscess develop where VETSPON has been positioned, surgery may be necessary to remove the infected material and allow drainage. VETSPON should not be used in instances of pumping arterial hemorrhage. It should not be used where blood or other fluids have pooled or in cases where the point of hemorrhage is submerged. VETSPON will not act as a tampon or plug in a bleeding site, nor will it close off an area of blood collecting behind a tampon. VETSPON should be removed if possible once hemostasis has been achieved because of the possibility of dislodgment of the device or compression of other nearby anatomic structures. VETSPON should be removed from the site of application when used in, around, near foramina in bone, areas of bony confine, the spinal cord, and/or the optic nerve and chiasm. The safety and effectiveness of VETSPON for use in ophthalmic and urological procedures has not been established. VETSPON should not be used for controlling post-partum bleeding.

PRECAUTIONS

Although absorbable hemostasis products have been used in veterinary medicine, safe and effective use of this product has not been proven through randomized, prospective controlled clinical studies on animals. VETSPON is supplied as a sterile product and cannot be resterilized. Discard unused portions of open envelopes or blisters of VETSPON.

When placed into cavities or closed tissue spaces, use minimal preliminary compression and avoid overpacking of VETSPON into the cavity. VETSPON may swell to its original size on absorbing fluids, creating the potential for nerve damage. While packing a cavity for hemostasis is sometimes surgically indicated, VETSPON should only be used in this manner if excess product not needed to maintain hemostasis is removed. Use only the minimum amount of VETSPON needed to achieve hemostasis. Once hemostasis is achieved any excess VETSPON should be carefully removed. VETSPON should not be used in conjunction with methylmethacrylate adhesives. In humans, microfibrillar collagen has been reported to reduce the strength of methylmethacrylate adhesives used to attach prosthetic devices to bone surfaces. VETSPON should not be used for the primary treatment of coagulation disorders. The safety and effectiveness of the combined use of VETSPON with other agents such as topical thrombin, antibiotic solution or antibiotic powder has not been evaluated in controlled clinical trials and therefore cannot be recommended. If in the veterinarian's judgment, concurrent use of topical thrombin or other agents are medically advisable, consult the product literature for that agent for complete prescribing information.

ADVERSE EVENTS

For Technical Assistance please call 1-800-637-0281.

Gelatin-based hemostatic agents may serve as a nidus for infection and abscess formation and have been reported to potentiate bacterial growth. Although controlled studies using VETSPON in animals have not been conducted, in general, the following adverse events have been reported with the use of absorbable porcine gelatin-based hemostatic agents in humans: Infection, pain, fever, blindness, paresis, bladder and bowel dysfunction, and granulomas. In some cases these events were associated with device migration. Hematoma, encapsulation and foreign body reactions also have been reported after use in humans. Please report any potential adverse reactions to Novartis Animal Health US, Inc. at 1-800-637-0281.

STORAGE AND HANDLING

VETSPON should be stored dry at controlled room temperature 15°-30°C (59°-86°F). VETSPON should be used as soon as the package is opened. Discard partially used packages. Do not attempt to resterilize partially used units.

DIRECTIONS FOR USE

Before using, inspect the package for signs of damage. If the package is damaged or wet, sterility cannot be assured and the contents should not be used. Use sterile technique to remove VETSPON from its packaging. Cut the sheet to the desired size. Use only the minimum amount necessary to achieve hemostasis. This piece of VETSPON can be applied to the bleeding site either dry or saturated with sterile isotonic sodium chloride solution (sterile saline). Open packages of VETSPON should be discarded, since they are not intended for reuse and/or resterilization. When used in appropriate amounts the sponge is absorbed completely within 4 to 6 weeks. In an animal implantation study, tissue reactions were classified as negligible when observed macroscopically and moderate when observed microscopically. When applied to bleeding mucosal regions VETSPON liquefies within 2 to 5 days.

A) Dry Use:

1. Cut the VETSPON sponge or cube to desired size and shape.
2. Manually compress the sponge prior to applying to the bleeding site.
3. Hold VETSPON in place with moderate pressure until hemostasis is achieved.
4. If desired, remove excess VETSPON upon achieving hemostasis by gently irrigating of the site with sterile saline solution to completely wet the sponge.
5. The portion of the VETSPON that is adhering to the bleeding site may be left in situ. Use only the amount required to achieve hemostasis and remove any excess.

B) Use With Sterile Saline Preparation:

1. Cut the VETSPON sponge or cube to desired size and shape.
2. Immerse the VETSPON in the saline solution.
3. Withdraw the sponge and squeeze between gloved fingers to expel air bubbles.
4. Return sponge to the solution. The VETSPON should promptly return to its original size and shape in the solution. If it does not, remove it from the solution and vigorously knead it between gloved fingers until all air is expelled and it returns to its original size and shape when placed in the solution.
5. Blot the sponge to desired dampness on gauze before applying to the bleeding site.
6. Hold the VETSPON in place with gauze using moderate pressure until hemostasis is achieved.
7. Removal of gauze is aided by wetting with a few drops of saline, which helps to prevent inadvertent removal of the VETSPON and clot.
8. Remove excess VETSPON upon achieving hemostasis by gentle irrigation of the site with sterile saline solution to completely wet the sponge.
9. The portion of the VETSPON that is adhering to the bleeding site may be left in situ. Use only the amount required to achieve hemostasis and remove any excess.

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HOW SUPPLIED

For VETSPON Dental:

Each 1 cm x 1 cm x 1 cm (thickness).

For VETSPON Flex:

Each 2 cm x 6 cm x 0.7 cm (thickness).

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For more information on VETSPON or to order, please contact your Novartis Animal Health US, Inc. representative, authorized distributor, or Customer Relations at 800-332-2761.