

TREATMENT OF THE FOLLICULAR CONJUNCTIVITIS IN DOGS

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Summary. In 1991-1999, 172 dogs suffering from follicular conjunctivitis were treated at the clinic of the Lithuanian Veterinary Academy and L.Kriaučeliūnas small animal clinic. One group of dogs was treated using only corticosteroids (drops of dexamethasone or prednisolone) and another group of dogs was treated using corticosteroids after the lymphatic nodules were destroyed with a sharp spoon or by irritation with a pencil of the silver nitrate, or by cauterization with electro coagulator. We have found that the treatment of follicular conjunctivitis in dogs using corticosteroids lasted 2 months and longer. The disease has recurred in 57 % of cases. The complications occurred in 6 % of cases when follicular nodules were irritated with a pencil of silver nitrate. The treatment was repeated in 47 % of cases. After destruction of follicular nodules with electro coagulator 11.5 % of dogs had complications. There were no complications of conjunctivitis after destruction of follicular nodules by a sharp spoon. Treatment was repeated in 19 % of cases.

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