

Merck Vaccine Agent Summary Sheet (VASS)

Health and Safety Summary Information for Employees Working with:

Canine Influenza Vaccine H3N2, Killed Virus

SECTION I-HAZARD INFORMATION

Organism: Influenza A H3N2.

Characteristics: Killed virus vaccine containing canine influenza strain H3N2.

Company Information:

Merck Animal Health
2 Giralda Farms, Madison, NJ 07940-1026
Customer Service: 800-521-5767
Order Desk: 800-648-2118
Technical Service (Companion Animal): 800-224-5318
Technical Service (Livestock: cows, pigs, poultry, aquaculture): 800-211-3573
Fax: 908-473-5560
Emergency Telephone Number: 1-908-423-6000 (24/7/365)

SECTION II-HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

Vaccine protects against: Disease caused by Canine influenza. This is a relatively new disease caused by a “flu” virus. It causes respiratory infection, spreads quickly and may cause serious illness, such as pneumonia⁽¹⁾.

SECTION III-HEALTH HAZARDS

Workers handling live canine influenza during manufacturing: For more information and handling instructions, refer to your site biorisk assessment document.

Workers handling inactivated canine influenza vaccine: The killed virus is not infectious, and poses no risk to those handling the vaccine.

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SECTION IV-MEDICAL

Medical Surveillance: Not required.

SECTION V-RECOMMENDED PRECAUTIONS

Containment: The virus in the vaccine is chemically inactivated; there is no live viral agent present.

SECTION VI-HANDLING INFORMATION

Spills: Contain spilled material using a spill pillow or absorbent material and dispose of according to departmental procedures. Minimal personal protective equipment includes safety glasses, lab coat/work uniform, gloves and slip resistant shoe covers.

References:

1. Canine Influenza Virus, <http://www.merck-animal-health-usa.com/diseases/canineInfluenza/overview.aspx>, accessed 11/09/2015.

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