Osteoarthritis (OA)

**Treating Early With Adequan® Canine (polysulfated glycosaminoglycan)**

Denis J. Marcellin-Little  
DEDV, DACVS, DECVS, DACVSMR

“We can positively impact osteoarthritis at its early stages by protecting cartilage. For example, with Adequan® Canine, we know that cartilage breakdown can be decreased, the cartilage can be protected early in the course of the disease. “This has a profound positive impact on dogs because we catch the disease at its early stages. We will have healthier joints for a lifetime.”

Kristin Kirkby Shaw  
DVM, MS, PhD, CCRT, DACVS, DACVSMR

“...there are some products and some treatments that we can start using earlier on in the osteoarthritis disease process that can really potentially change the whole course of the disease, and they’re going to be most effective early on. “And most specifically I’m talking about Adequan® Canine.”

Julia Tomlinson  
BVSc, MS, PhD, DACVS, CCRP, CVSMT, DACVSMR

“In my practice Adequan® Canine is one of my initial go-to medications for early osteoarthritis. I really feel that we can intervene to try and help the joint health a little bit more than we can with some of the other things available to me. “And I like to be able to minimize the use of nonsteroidals when we’re early in the disease so that we can use it as maybe as a rescue medication and use Adequan® Canine more.”

Bryan T. Torres  
DVM, PhD, DACVS-SA, DACVSMR

“When it comes to something like osteoarthritis, treating it early is the way to go. This is with any disease process, right? “And so something like Adequan® Canine that we can use early on when we first diagnose osteoarthritis in a patient, and we can do that, then make an impact for a long period of time with them can be highly beneficial.”
**Whit Cothern**  
DVM  
“We want to have that early discussion about the use of Adequan® Canine, have that out there as one of the therapeutic options, a very important therapeutic option, early in our osteoarthritis management protocols.”

**Anne Dagner**  
DVM  
“The first thing I tell clients about Adequan® Canine and why it could be right for their dog is that we really want to slow the progression of osteoarthritis. And that’s what the main goal is when we’re using this drug.

“The next thing I talk to them about is that it’s been around, it’s been approved by the FDA so that we know it’s a safe and effective product. So we feel confident when we’re using it in their dog.”