

# 3 steps to getting the most out of vaccination with **Phenax® Classic**

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## STORAGE

Store the vaccine appropriately

- » Phenax® Classic contains live orf virus which can be killed by incorrect storage and use.
- » Be aware that the greatest influence on a successful take is reliable application technique.
- » Store between -18°C and 4°C until required. As Phenax® Classic contains glycerol it will remain liquid at these temperatures.
- » Use a chilly bag provided to keep vaccine chilled during transport and on the day of vaccination.
- » Use broached vials only on the day of opening. Once opened, the vaccine will become exposed to UV light, warmed in an operator's hand, and potentially contaminated with bacteria via the prongs, all of which can kill the live orf virus and reduce vaccine effectiveness.



## ADMINISTRATION

Administer the vaccine according to label instructions

- » This is a live vaccine that can cause lesions in humans. If the person applying the vaccine has broken skin on their hands, we advise them to wear gloves.
- » The preferred application site is the inner thigh. If necessary, the axilla (armpit) is an alternative site, particularly if disinfectants or fly products containing solvents are being used around the breech at docking/tailing. These may inactivate the live orf virus. Other application sites such as the ears are not satisfactory and will not provide suitable protection.
- » Unscrew the cap and remove the tamper-proof seal with the tool in the cap.
- » Invert and gently TAP the applicator with sufficient force to form a droplet of vaccine at the preferred site.
- » Make a scratch (approx. 25 mm) through the droplet. Deposit a second droplet on the same site and scratch through it at 90° forming an 'X'.
- » Break the skin but not so heavily that blood washes the vaccine away. The blue coloured vaccine should be visible along the scratches to ensure contact and induce a "take" as demonstrated below.
- » **CLEANING:** occasionally the applicator may block with wool, clear by pulling wire gently, wipe and reinsert.
- » Occasionally the capillary action can bead droplets along the wire. If this occurs, invert and wipe tip. If it persists pull wire gently, wipe and re-insert.



# Successful vaccination takes with Phenax® Classic

- » Examine the application site of a minimum of 20 lambs, 7-10 days after vaccination.
- » Successful takes will appear as a 2-5 mm wide whitish, thickened or raised area of scab over the scratch mark, which is surrounded by reddened skin.
- » An unsuccessful take will show as a thin scratch line with minimal scab formation.

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## CHECK

## SUCCESSFUL TAKE

As can be seen with these examples, by Day 8 a definite zone of inflammation surrounding the developing lesions is evident along with thick raised pustules and scab formation.



Primary take: Day 8



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## UNSUCCESSFUL TAKE

The examples below show unsuccessful takes with just a thin reaction line and minimal scabs.

Contact your veterinarian (photographic evidence is ideal) if more than 10% of the checked animals show 'takes' similar to the photos below.



Secondary take: Day 8



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Photos courtesy of John Smart, Clutha Vets Animal Health Centre, PO Box 231, Balclutha.

- » Phenax® Classic is manufactured using a different formulation from that of any other scabby mouth vaccine.
- » Phenax® Classic is made from a Master Seed different from any other scabby mouth vaccine.
- » Phenax® Classic is manufactured separately to all other commercially available scabby mouth vaccines.
- » The unique vaccinator ensures dose accuracy, improves operator comfort, has an easy-flow needle for application and an anti-roll screw top to provide a secure fit.

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