

Preparation of RabAvert™ rabies vaccine

The package contains a vial of freeze-dried vaccine, a syringe containing 1mL of diluent, a sterile needle for reconstitution and a sterile needle suitable for intramuscular injection. The longer of the 2 needles supplied (with the green cap) is the reconstitution needle. To remove the white cap from the syringe holding the diluent, you have to crack it to the side.... you do not twist it off like most caps. Once removed, affix the reconstitution needle to the syringe containing the Sterile Diluent for RabAvert®. Insert the needle at a 45° angle and slowly inject the entire contents of the diluent (1 mL) into the vaccine vial. Mix gently to avoid foaming. The white, freeze-dried vaccine dissolves to give a clear or slightly opaque solution. Release excess air from the vial by carefully disconnecting the syringe from the needle (being careful not to contaminate the opening to the needle or syringe) and then reconnect. Withdraw the total amount of dissolved vaccine into the syringe and replace the long reconstitution needle with a safety engineered needle for IM injection. The reconstituted vaccine should be used immediately.

Below is a link to an instructional video on preparation of RabAvert™ vaccine for administration

NB: In order to view, copy and paste the link below into Firefox.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W6_m3KUQjA