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CAPROMORELIN - *Full Version*

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The regulation of appetite is a very complex process involving many different parts of the body. **Capromorelin** mimics a natural hormone called “ghrelin” which binds to a receptor in the brain that causes the feeling of hunger. This prescription medication is commonly used in dogs and cats to manage conditions where poor appetite is a concern and is available from your licensed veterinarian as a flavored oral solution.

WHAT IS THIS DRUG?

- Ghrelin receptor agonist
- Given by mouth

REASONS FOR PRESCRIBING:

- Often used to stimulate appetite and assist with the management of inappetence caused by an underlying acute or chronic medical condition

ANIMAL PRECAUTIONS:

- This medication is labeled for use in cats and dogs and should be administered only when and as prescribed by a licensed veterinarian
- **Use of this medication in any other species should be in consultation with a veterinarian**
- Use of this prescribed medication in animals with any of the following conditions should be limited to those who are under the supervision of a veterinarian:
 - Kidney or liver disease
 - Diabetes mellitus
 - Cats with acromegaly
- Safety has not been established in:
 - Pets less than 5 months of age
 - Breeding, pregnant or nursing animals

- Animals with a known hypersensitivity or allergy to this or related products should not be given this medication

DIRECTIONS:

Read and follow the prescription label carefully.

Give the exact amount prescribed and only as often as directed.

Discuss with your veterinarian if this medication is to be given with food or administered directly into your pet's mouth. Food is often offered 30 minutes after this medication has been administered.

The bottle should be gently shaken and the appropriate volume of solution for your pet's body weight can be withdrawn into the provided syringe. Ensure that the syringe is washed and dried daily.

Give this medication for as long as your veterinarian directs. Do not skip doses or stop giving the medication without consulting your veterinarian. Missed doses reduce the effectiveness of therapy.

Baseline blood work may be recommended to assess your pet's general health before starting this medication. Periodic blood work to monitor your pet's underlying medical condition may be recommended. Dose adjustments may be made based upon these results and an assessment of how your pet is responding clinically.

Ensure your pet has plenty of food and fresh, clean drinking water while taking this medication. Speak to your veterinarian if your pet does not eat or drink well.

This medication will take effect quickly, in about 1 to 2 hours, but its effects may not be visibly noticeable for a few days.

Call ahead for refills.

Ideally, give this medication at the same time(s) daily.

WHAT TO TELL/ASK A VETERINARIAN BEFORE GIVING MEDICATION?

Talk to your veterinarian about:

- When your pet will need to be rechecked
- What tests may need to be performed prior to and during treatment with this drug
- What are the safety concerns when using this product in different species
- What are the risks and benefits of using this drug

Tell your veterinarian about:

- If your pet has experienced side effects on other drugs/products
- If your pet has experienced digestive upset now or ever
- If your pet has experienced liver or kidney disease now or ever

- If your pet has experienced any other medical problems or allergies now or ever
- All medicines and supplements that you are giving your pet or plan to give your pet, including those you can get without a prescription. Your veterinarian may want to check that all of your pet's medications can be given together.
- If your pet is pregnant, nursing or if you plan to breed your pet

STORAGE AND WARNINGS:

Capromorelin should be stored in a childproof container in a cool, dry place at room temperature away from heat and direct sunlight.

Keep this and all medication out of reach of children and pets.

Call your physician immediately if you accidentally take this product.

POTENTIAL SIDE EFFECTS:

- This medication can affect the gastrointestinal system causing nausea, vomiting, loose stool, increase saliva production (hypersalivation), abdominal discomfort, flatulence or gas, and lethargy
- This medication may cause increased thirst and urination as well as increases in blood urea nitrogen, creatinine and phosphorus
- This medication has caused lip smacking and head shaking in cats
- If these symptoms persist or you notice anything else unusual, contact your veterinarian
- This short-acting medication should stop working within 24 hours, although effects may last longer in pets with liver or kidney disease

CAN THIS DRUG BE GIVEN WITH OTHER DRUGS?

- Yes, but possible interactions may occur when giving **Capromorelin** in conjunction with amiodarone, cimetidine, diltiazem, erythromycin, phenobarbital and rifampin
- Drugs other than those listed may also interact with **Capromorelin**
- Do not give new food or medications without first talking to your veterinarian
- If your pet experiences any unusual reactions when taking multiple medications, contact your veterinarian

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I KNOW OF OR SUSPECT THERE HAS BEEN AN OVERDOSE?

Contact your veterinarian immediately if your pet receives more than the prescribed amount.

WHAT ELSE SHOULD I KNOW?

Notify your veterinarian if your animal's condition does not improve or worsens despite this treatment.

As with all prescribed medicines, **Capromorelin** should only be given to the pet for which it was prescribed. It should be given only for the condition for which it was prescribed, at the prescribed dose, as directed by your veterinarian.

This is just a summary of information about **Capromorelin**. If you have any questions or concerns about this medication or the condition for which it was prescribed, please contact your veterinarian.

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