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ENROFLOXACIN - *Full Version*

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Enrofloxacin is an oral fluoroquinolone antibiotic used to treat various bacterial infections in dogs and cats (e.g. urinary tract, respiratory, skin and soft tissue infections). **Enrofloxacin** is available only by prescription from a licensed veterinarian as tablets (flavored and chewable tablets) in several different strengths and as an injectable solution.

WHAT IS THIS DRUG?

- **Enrofloxacin** is a fluoroquinolone antibiotic
- Given by mouth, or by injection at your veterinary clinic

REASONS FOR PRESCRIBING:

- Often used in: bladder, ear, respiratory, skin and soft tissue infections
- Effective against many bacteria types with fewer side effects than aminoglycoside type of antibiotics

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:
 - Liver or kidney conditions or those suffering dehydration
 - History of seizures or other central nervous system disorders
- Safety has not been established in:
 - Breeding, pregnant or nursing animals
 - Should not be used at high doses in cats (may cause blindness)
 - Young, growing animals due to potential for cartilage abnormalities

- Animals with a known hypersensitivity or allergy to quinolones and/or sulfonamides should not be given this medication

DIRECTIONS:

The injectable formulation of **Enrofloxacin** is often given in the safety of a veterinary hospital with adequate patient monitoring and is rarely prescribed for use at home.

For oral formulations, Read and follow the prescription label carefully. Give the exact amount prescribed and only as often as directed.

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. Finish the entire course of treatment.

Baseline blood work may be recommended to assess your pet's general health before starting this medication. Periodic blood work may be recommended to monitor this medication's effects on the body. Dose adjustments may be made based upon these results and an assessment of how your dog or cat is responding clinically.

This medication is best if taken on an empty stomach. If your pet experiences digestive upset following medication administration, try offering with a small amount of food or a treat.

Enrofloxacin tablets are enteric coated to hide the natural bitter taste. Hiding crushed tablets in the pet's food will likely not be effective. Flavored tabs are available as a more palatable alternative. After administration, watch the pet closely to ensure the entire dose was consumed.

Ensure there is water available for your pet to drink.

Do not give at the same time with other supplements or medications containing calcium, iron or aluminum.

This medication should take effect within 1 to 2 days. You should see improvements in your pet's clinical signs.

Call ahead for refills.

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

WHAT IF DOSE IS MISSED?

If a dose is missed, give it as soon as you can. If it is time already for the next dose, skip the missed dose and go back to the normal schedule. Do not give two doses at the same time.

WHAT TO TELL/ASK YOUR VETERINARIAN BEFORE GIVING THIS MEDICATION?

Talk to your veterinarian about:

- When will your pet 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
- 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 medicines can be given together.
- If your pet is pregnant or nursing or if you plan to breed your pet

STORAGE AND WARNINGS:

Store tablets in a tight, light resistant, childproof container in a cool, dry place at room temperature away from heat and direct sunlight.

People should not take this drug. Keep this and all medication out of reach of children and pets. Call your physician immediately if you accidentally take this product.

Pet owners who are allergic to quinolones (such as ciprofloxacin or norfloxacin) should avoid handling this drug.

POTENTIAL SIDE EFFECTS:

- Nausea, vomiting and diarrhea (dogs/cats on high doses)
- Excessive thirst, decrease in appetite
- Damage to joint cartilage in dogs <8 months of age
- Urine crystals in dehydrated pets
- May worsen existing obsessive behaviors
- Rare incidences of dizziness, seizures, depression, lethargy and nervousness
- Rare incidences in cats of vocalizing, aggression and dilated pupils
- If you notice anything 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 MEDICATIONS?

- Yes, but possible interactions may occur when giving **Enrofloxacin** in conjunction with aminoglycosides, antacids, third-generation cephalosporins, chlorpromazine, cisapride, corticosteroids, cyclosporine, doxycycline, doxorubicin, dairy products, fluconazole, flunixin, fluoxetine, oral iron, ketoconazole, levothyroxine, methadone, mycophenolate, methotrexate, nitrofurantoin, ondansetron, quinidine, penicillin, probenecid, sildenafil, sucralfate, theophylline, warfarin or oral zinc
- Drugs other than those listed may also interact with **Enrofloxacin**
- 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 eats 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, **Enrofloxacin** should only be given to the dog/cat 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 **Enrofloxacin**. If you have any questions or concerns about **Enrofloxacin** or the condition it was prescribed for, contact your veterinarian.

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