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MECLIZINE - *Full Version*

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Histamine can play a role in the process of nausea and vomiting. This drug is an antihistamine that is used in cats or dogs primarily to prevent motion sickness. **Meclizine** is available only by prescription from a licensed veterinarian as a tablet.

WHAT IS THIS DRUG?

- An antihistamine or histamine antagonist
- Given by mouth

REASONS FOR PRESCRIBING:

- Primarily used as an antiemetic to prevent nausea and vomiting associated with motion sickness or vestibular disease (vertigo)

ANIMAL PRECAUTIONS:

- This medication is used off-label 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:
 - Certain forms of glaucoma or dry eye (keratoconjunctivitis sicca)
 - Gastrointestinal or urinary tract obstruction
 - Prostate enlargement or cardiovascular disease
- Safety has not been established in:
 - Breeding, pregnant or nursing animals
- This medication should be avoided in animals that will require allergic skin testing in the near future

- Use with caution in animals that require full alertness when performing - guide dogs, police dogs, search and rescue dogs
- Animals with a known hypersensitivity or allergy to this or similar antihistamines 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.

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.

For the prevention of motion sickness, it is ideal to give 30-60 minutes prior to travel.

Dose adjustments may be made based upon an assessment of how your cat or dog is responding clinically.

Discuss with your veterinarian if this medication should be given with food.

This medication will take effect quickly, in about 1 to 2 hours. Improvement in clinical signs should follow.

Ideally, give medication at the same time(s) daily.
Call ahead for refills.

WHAT IF A 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 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:

Meclizine 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 central nervous system causing sedation and lethargy
- This medication can cause central nervous system stimulation and an increase in heart rate
- This medication can affect the gastrointestinal system causing reduced appetite in cats
- This medication can cause a decrease in saliva (dry mouth) and a decrease in tear production (dry eye)
- 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 **Meclizine** in conjunction with anticholinergic drugs and central nervous system depressants
- Drugs other than those listed may also interact with **Meclizine**
- 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, **Meclizine** 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 **Meclizine**. 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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