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## MELOXICAM INJECTABLE - *Full Version*

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### GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

This drug is primarily used to treat and alleviate pain and inflammation. This injectable solution is a prescription product and labeled for use in cats and dogs.

### WHAT IS THIS DRUG?

- A nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID)
- Given by injection into the vein (IV) or under the skin (SQ)

### REASONS FOR PRESCRIBING:

- To temporarily treat pain, inflammation, and reduce fevers
- Commonly used to manage pain and inflammation from osteoarthritis
- Commonly used to reduce pain and inflammation following surgery
- Your veterinarian may administer injectable **Meloxicam** in the clinic and recommend that you follow up with an oral formulation at home

### ANIMAL PRECAUTIONS:

- This medication is labeled for use in cats and dogs and should be administered only when and as prescribed by a veterinarian
- Because of the risk of renal disease, **Meloxicam** injections should not be given more than once in cats
- **Use of this medication in any other species should be in consultation with a veterinarian**
- Use of this medication in animals with any of the following conditions, should be limited to those who are under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian:
  - Cats - it is critical to identify any underlying or pre-existing conditions that could increase the risk of adverse effects
  - Liver or kidney disease

- Active gastrointestinal disease such as inflammatory bowel disease or ulcerations
- History of heart disease or low blood pressure such as during general or inhalant anesthesia
- Bleeding disorders (e.g., von Willebrand's disease or thrombocytopenia) or animals that require future surgery
- Safety has not been established in:
  - Pediatric patients (dogs less than 6 months of age, cats less than 4 months of age) or geriatric patients with pre-existing chronic disease
  - Breeding, pregnant or nursing animals
- Animals with a known hypersensitivity or allergy to this drug or other NSAIDs should not be given this medication

## DIRECTIONS:

The injectable formulation of **Meloxicam** 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.

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

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

Call ahead for refills.

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

Do not give this medication with any other over the counter medications that are used for treating pain without consulting your veterinarian.

## 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 THIS MEDICATION?

Talk to your veterinarian about:

- Common signs of pain and inflammation in your pet
- The importance of weight control and exercise in the management of arthritis
- 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
- A bleeding disorder (e.g. von Willebrand's disease)
- 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:

**Meloxicam Injectable** should be stored in a childproof container in a cool, dark place at room temperature away from heat and direct light.

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 loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, stomach ulcers, perforations and diarrhea
- This medication can cause a change in bowel movements (such as diarrhea, or black, tarry or bloody stools)
- This medication can affect the liver and kidneys, common clinical symptoms could include increased drinking, increased urination and yellowing of the skin (jaundice)
- This medication can cause changes in behavior (such as lethargy, increased activity level, incoordination, seizure and aggression)
- 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 MEDICATIONS?

Yes, but possible interactions may occur when giving **Meloxicam** in conjunction with: ACE inhibitors (enalapril, benazepril), aminoglycosides, amphotericin B, anesthetics, anticoagulants (heparin, warfarin), aspirin, digoxin, fluconazole, furosemide, methotrexate and other NSAIDs.

Drugs other than those listed may also interact with **Meloxicam**.

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 medication, **Meloxicam Injectable** 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 a veterinarian.

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

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