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POLYSULFATED GLYCOSAMINOGLYCAN - *Full Version*

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

This prescription drug is a medication that is used in dogs and cats to inhibit the destruction of cartilage and reduce the inflammation that is commonly associated with degenerative joint disease. **Polysulfated Glycosaminoglycan** is available as an injectable.

WHAT IS THIS PRODUCT?

- A cartilage protective agent
- Given by an injection into the muscle

REASONS FOR PRESCRIBING:

- To aid in the treatment of degenerative joint disease or arthritis

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 disease
 - Bleeding or clotting disorders
 - Animals that will require surgery in the near future
- Safety has not been established in:
 - Breeding, pregnant or nursing animals
- Animals with a known hypersensitivity or allergy to this or related products should not be given this medication

DIRECTIONS:

This medication is commonly given by your veterinarian. If you are giving this medication at home, follow your veterinarian's directions carefully. 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 may be recommended to assess your pet's general health before starting this medication.

Periodic blood work to monitor its effects on the body may also be advised if long term therapy is necessary. Dose adjustments may be made based upon these results and an assessment of how your dog or cat is responding clinically.

This medication can take a few weeks before full effects are observed, but gradual improvements are usually noticeable after a few days.

Call ahead for refills.

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

WHEN USING AN INJECTABLE:

- Read the prescription label carefully
- Follow the directions for injections given by your veterinarian
- Give the exact amount prescribed and only as often as directed
- Shake the vial to effectively suspend the medication in the liquid
- Always use a clean needle and syringe
- This medication is only to be given in the muscle, never give this medication into the vein
- Follow local regulations when disposing of used needles and syringes

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 YOUR VETERINARIAN BEFORE GIVING THIS PRODUCT?

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:

Polysulfated Glycosaminoglycan 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 bone marrow resulting in abnormal bruising and bleeding
- If these symptoms persist or you notice anything else unusual, contact your veterinarian
- This long-acting medication lasts for at least 4-6 weeks but may last longer in pets with kidney or liver disease

CAN THIS PRODUCT BE GIVEN WITH OTHER MEDICATIONS?

- Yes, but possible interactions may occur when giving **Polysulfated Glycosaminoglycan** in conjunction with: heparin, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatories (e.g. acetaminophen, deracoxib, carprofen, ibuprofen, meloxicam) and warfarin
- Drugs other than those listed may also interact with **Polysulfated Glycosaminoglycan**
- 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 products/medicines, **Polysulfated Glycosaminoglycan** 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 **Polysulfated Glycosaminoglycan**. If you have any questions or concerns about **Polysulfated Glycosaminoglycan** or the condition for which it was prescribed, please contact your veterinarian.

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