

# DVMetrics Client Information Sheets for Veterinary Medications



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## ROBENACOXIB - *Full Version*

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### GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

**Robenacoxib** is a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) used in dogs and cats to control pain and inflammation due to trauma, surgery, injuries and osteoarthritis (OA). While **Robenacoxib** is not a cure for osteoarthritis, it can control the pain and inflammation of this debilitating disease and improve your pet's mobility. **Robenacoxib** is available only by prescription from a licensed veterinarian as an injectable solution or flavored tablets.

### WHAT IS THIS DRUG?

- **Robenacoxib** is a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug
- Given by mouth or injectable solution administered in your veterinarian's office

### REASONS FOR PRESCRIBING:

- Commonly used to reduce pain and inflammation following soft tissue surgery (e.g. spay, neuter, ear procedures and dentistry)
- Used to control pain and inflammation due to osteoarthritis in dogs [signs include limping or lameness, decreased activity or exercise (reluctance to stand, climb stairs, jump or run or difficulty in performing these activities), stiffness or decreased movement of joints]
- Used to control pain and inflammation due to osteoarthritis in cats [signs include limping or lameness, decreased activity or exercise (reluctance to stand, climb stairs, jump or run or difficulty in performing these activities), stiffness or decreased movement of joints, hiding, change of grooming habits, restlessness, aggression inappropriate eliminations]
- Your veterinarian may administer injectable **Robenacoxib** in the clinic and recommend that you follow up with the oral formulation for several days at home.

### ANIMAL PRECAUTIONS:

- This medication is labeled for use in both cats and dogs but **Robenacoxib** for dogs should NOT be given to cats as they cannot be accurately dosed with the tablet sizes
- **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 licensed veterinarian and for which that veterinarian has prescribed the use of this medication:
  - Liver or kidney disease
  - Active gastrointestinal disease such as inflammatory bowel disease or ulcerations
  - Pets with a history heart disease or low blood pressure
  - Geriatric animals or pets with pre-existing chronic disease, dehydration, poor appetite and low circulating blood volume
- Safety has not been established in:
  - Pets less than 6 months of age and weighing less than 5.5 lb (2.5 kg)
  - Pets intended for breeding, pregnant or nursing
- Animals with a known hypersensitivity or allergy to this drug or other NSAIDs should not be given this medication

## DIRECTIONS:

The injectable formulation of **Robenacoxib** 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 this medication for as long as your veterinarian directs. Do not skip doses or stop giving the medication without consulting your veterinarian. The length of use, frequency of administration and expected improvement is dependent upon your pet's diagnosis, clinical response and initial reason for use.

Baseline blood work and urinalysis is often recommended to assess your pet's general health before starting this drug. Periodic blood work and urinalysis may 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.

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

**Robenacoxib** tablets may be given with or without food. **Robenacoxib** tablets should not be broken.

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

While **Robenacoxib** is not a cure for osteoarthritis, it can relieve the pain and inflammation of OA and improve your pet's mobility. Response can vary from pet to pet but can be quite dramatic. In most pets, improvement can be seen in a matter of days.

When managing arthritis, **Robenacoxib** may need to be given on a periodic basis for the animal's lifetime. Use the lowest dose to provide adequate relief. If **Robenacoxib** is discontinued or not given as directed, your pet's pain and inflammation may come back. Always consult with your veterinarian before altering the dose.

If you have difficulty giving the medication, contact your veterinarian.

Call ahead for refills.

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

### 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 MEDICATION?

Talk to your veterinarian about:

- The surgical procedure performed on your pet
- What tests were done before surgery and prior to administration
- What tests might be done before **Robenacoxib** is prescribed
- The common signs of postoperative pain or inflammation that may occur following surgery
- Normal events that can be expected after your pet undergoes surgery
- Common signs of osteoarthritis such as: limping or lameness, stiffness, decreased joint movement, decreased activity, reluctance to stand, climb stairs, jump or run or difficulty in performing these activities
- The importance of weight control and exercise in the management of OA
- How often your pet may need to be examined by your veterinarian
- The risks and benefits of using **Robenacoxib**

Tell your veterinarian about:

- Any side effects your pet has previously experienced from **Robenacoxib** or other NSAIDs including aspirin
- Any digestive upset (vomiting or diarrhea) your pet has had
- Any cardiovascular, kidney or liver disease your pet has had
- Any other medical problems or allergies that your pet has now or has had in the past
- All medications that you are giving your pet or plan to give your pet, including those you can get without prescription and any dietary supplements
- If you plan to breed your pet or if your pet is pregnant or nursing

### STORAGE AND WARNINGS:

**Robenacoxib** tablets 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.

**Robenacoxib** is not for human use. Keep **Robenacoxib** and all medication out of reach of children. Call your physician immediately if you accidentally take **Robenacoxib**.

Do not use the dog tablets in cats. Cats cannot be accurately dosed with the dog tablet sizes intended to be used in dogs.

**Robenacoxib** tablets should not be broken.

## POTENTIAL SIDE EFFECTS:

- Serious side effects can occur with or without warning and in rare situations result in death
- Treatment goals often include the shortest duration of treatment or lowest effective dose consistent with a positive response in order to avoid adverse 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, incontinence, bloody urine, increased liver enzymes and yellowing of the skin (jaundice)
- The injection site can have discomfort, swelling, and edema for pets that have received the injectable formulation in the clinic
- If these symptoms persist or you notice anything else unusual, it is important to stop therapy and contact your veterinarian
- Control of postoperative pain and inflammation may vary from pet to pet. If you have any concerns regarding your pet's comfort level, 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 **Robenacoxib** in conjunction with amiodarone, angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitors (benazepril, enalapril), anesthetic agents (alfaxalone, propofol, sevoflurane), angiotensin receptor blockers (telmisartan), antihypertensive agents (amlodipine, hydralazine, sildenafil), anticoagulants (heparin, warfarin), aspirin, bisphosphonates (alendronate, pamidronate, zoledronate), cholestyramine, cisapride, clopidogrel, corticosteroids (dexamethasone, prednisolone, prednisone), digoxin, diuretics, (furosemide, hydrochlorothiazide), fluconazole), frunevetmab, methotrexate, nephrotoxic drugs (aminoglycosides, amphotericin B, cyclosporine), Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatories (NSAIDs), quinidine, sotalol, tigilanol tiglate and toceranib
- Drugs other than those listed may also interact with **Robenacoxib**
- 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?

This sheet provides a summary of information about **Robenacoxib**. If you have any questions or concerns about **Robenacoxib**, postoperative orthopedic and dental pain and inflammation, or osteoarthritis, talk to your veterinarian.

As with all prescribed medication, **Robenacoxib** 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.

It is important to periodically discuss your pet's response to **Robenacoxib** at regular check ups. Your veterinarian will best determine if your pet is responding as expected and if your pet should continue receiving **Robenacoxib**. Notify your veterinarian if your pet appears to be uncomfortable.

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