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SUCRALFATE - *Full Version*

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Sucralfate is an oral protectant used in dogs and cats to coat areas of inflammation and ulceration in the gastrointestinal tract to protect them from stomach acid and allow them to heal. **Sucralfate** is helpful in many conditions associated with ulcers. **Sucralfate** is available by prescription from your licensed veterinarian as an oral liquid suspension or as a tablet.

WHAT IS THIS DRUG?

- **Sucralfate** is a gastrointestinal mucosal protectant; a sucrose aluminum hydroxide compound
- **Sucralfate** is given by mouth

REASONS FOR PRESCRIBING:

- Used to coat areas of ulceration and inflammation in the mouth (stomatitis), stomach (gastritis), upper small intestine (enteritis) and esophagus (esophagitis)
- **Sucralfate** protects the inflamed region from the acidic environment and helps in the healing process
- May be used in any condition associated with ulcers (e.g. poison ingestion, kidney and liver failure, some cancers and megaesophagus)
- Often prescribed with ulcer-causing medications (e.g. aspirin, piroxicam)

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:

- Constipated animals or those known to have slow movement of food through the digestive system (e.g. those with megacolon)
- Safety has not been established in:
 - Pregnant or nursing animals
- Animals with a known hypersensitivity or allergy to this or related products 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. This medication is usually given often throughout the day to ensure continuous protection for the ulcer(s).

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. Do not discontinue the drug abruptly or without directions from your veterinarian, as your pet's condition may worsen.

The length of therapy depends greatly upon the disease condition as well as the pet's response to **Sucralfate** and the development of any adverse effects.

If possible, this medication should be given on an empty stomach (at least 1 hour before a meal, or two hours after).

Shake liquid medication well. Tablets are usually crushed and dissolved in water prior to administration to allow for better absorption.

This medication will take effect quickly, in about 1 to 2 hours, but its effects may not be visibly noticeable for a few days.

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

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

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

Shake liquids well before using.

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 is usually well tolerated but can cause constipation
- This medication is unpalatable and can cause vomiting occasionally in cats
- With long term use, one of the ingredients (aluminum) may build up and cause the bones to weaken or have an effect on the brain
- It is important to stop therapy and contact your veterinarian immediately if you think your pet has a medical problem or side effect from this product's therapy
- 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 **Sucralfate** in conjunction with antacids containing aluminum, calcium, or magnesium, alendronate, ciprofloxacin, diclofenac, digoxin, ketoconazole, lanthanum, levothyroxine, macrolide antibiotics (azithromycin, clarithromycin, erythromycin), marbofloxacin, orbifloxacin, penicillamine, tetracyclines (doxycycline, minocycline, tetracycline), theophylline, fat soluble vitamins and warfarin
- Drugs other than those listed may also interact with **Sucralfate**
- Ideally, other medications should be given 2 hours before **Sucralfate** is administered
- 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 consumes more than the prescribed amount.

WHAT ELSE SHOULD I KNOW?

Notify your veterinarian if your animal's condition does not improve or worsens (blood in the vomit or stools) despite this treatment.

As with all prescribed medicines, **Sucralfate** 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 **Sucralfate**. If you have any questions or concerns about **Sucralfate** or for the condition it was prescribed, contact your veterinarian.

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