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GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Acepromazine is commonly used in dogs and cats as a sedative and as a pre-anesthetic agent. It may be used to prevent vomiting, alleviate various behavior issues, reduce itching and more. This medication should only be given to the pet which it was prescribed. Acepromazine is available as a tablet, an oral powder or as an injectable solution.

WHAT IS THIS DRUG?

Acepromazine is a neuroleptic agent; used as a tranquilizer in pets

A phenothiazine sedative

Acepromazine can be given by mouth, or at your veterinarians as an injection

REASONS FOR PRESCRIBING:

Used to help sedate animals for minor procedures (grooming, veterinary examination, treatment, minor surgical procedures, etc.)

Used to prevent nausea/motion sickness

To alleviate fear, nervousness, excessive vocalization

Used as a pre-anesthetic agent before an animal is anesthetized

To keep heart rhythm stable under certain conditions

To alleviate itching due to skin irritations

WHAT DOGS/CATS SHOULD NOT TAKE THIS MEDICATION?

Use with caution in Boxers and Sighthounds (greyhounds, whippets, wolfhounds, etc.) who are sensitive

Use with caution in dogs with the MDR1 gene mutation

Use with caution in pets with history of liver disease or blood abnormalities (clotting disorders or low circulating platelets)

Use with caution if sedating an aggressive animal with Acepromazine as they may become more sensitive to noises and startle more easily

Those in shock, or animals with tetanus or suffering strychnine poisoning

Pets exposed to organophosphate insecticides, including flea collars, within a month of using Acepromazine

Pets currently using other depressants

Pets with abnormal blood pressure or other circulation problems

Pets with seizure disorders

Geriatrics or those in a weakened or debilitated state

Use with caution in working dogs (military/police/seeing eye/hearing, etc.) as too much sedation may impede their ability to work and learn

Pregnant or nursing animals

Pets known to have had an allergic reaction to Acepromazine or other phenothiazines

DIRECTIONS:

Acepromazine tablets are absorbed differently by different animals. Some pets will appear heavily sedated, while others will be hardly tranquilized. The dose may need to be individualized by your veterinarian based upon your pet's response.

Baseline blood work may be recommended to assess your pet's general health before using this medication.

Most effective if given when the animal is not stimulated or excited.

Acepromazine's effects are expected to last 6-8 hours.

Read and follow the label carefully.

Give the exact amount prescribed and only as often as directed.

When administering the injectable, this medication will take effect quickly, in a couple of minutes.

When administering orally, this medication will take effect quickly, in about 1 to 2 hours. Improvement in clinical signs should follow.

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

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

People should not take this product. 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:

Pet's third eyelid will rise partly over eye. This is a normal reaction to the drug and not harmful to the pet.

Because the drug depresses the central nervous system, the pet will experience sedation, depression, lack of coordination, low blood pressure, slower heart rate and breathing

Rarely, some pets show aggressive behavior (aggression, biting, chewing, nervousness)

Possible thermoregulation difficulties; pet may become too hot or too cold

Pale gums

Urine may turn pink or red-brown

Constipation

If you notice anything unusual, contact your veterinarian

When giving the injectable, this short-acting medication should stop working in a couple of hours, although effects may last longer in pets with liver or kidney disease

When giving orally, 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?

Appropriate analgesics will need to be provided for painful procedures as this medication does not provide pain relief

Yes, but possible interactions may occur when giving Acepromazine in conjunction with acetaminophen, aminoglycosides antibiotics, antacids, antidiarrheal mixtures (kaolin/pectin, bismuth subsalicylate), atropine, barbiturates (phenobarbital, pentobarbital), cisapride, dopamine, emetics, epinephrine, fluoxetine, hypotensive agents, insecticides (including flea collars and many products used outdoor flea treatment products), metoclopramide, metronidazole, ondansetron, opioids (fentanyl, hydromorphone, morphine), organophosphates, phenylpropanolamine, phenytoin, procaine, propranolol, quinidine and tricyclic antidepressants

Drugs other than those listed may also interact with Acepromazine

Do not give new food or medications without first talking to 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, Acepromazine 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.

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