

Sulfadimethoxine - Main

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Trade Names:

Albon® Oral Suspension 5%, Albon® Tablets

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Sulfadimethoxine is an oral sulfonamide antibiotic used to treat various bacterial infections in dogs and cats (e.g. respiratory, genitourinary, gastrointestinal and soft tissue infections). Sulfadimethoxine may be prescribed to treat diarrhea caused by an intestinal parasite called coccidia. Sulfadimethoxine is available as an oral suspension or as a tablet.

WHAT IS THIS DRUG?

A sulfonamide antibiotic (sulfa drug)

Given by mouth

REASONS FOR PRESCRIBING:

Useful to treat a variety of bacterial infections in dogs and cats

Also used to treat coccidial (microscopic, single celled intestinal parasite) infections

Low dosage, rapidly absorbed, long acting

WHAT PETS SHOULD NOT TAKE THIS MEDICATION?

Pets with liver or kidney disorders, bladder or kidney stones

Dehydrated pets

Pregnant or nursing animals

Pets known to have had a prior allergic reaction to Sulfadimethoxine or other sulfa drugs

DIRECTIONS:

Ensure that your pet has access to plenty of fresh, clean drinking water while taking Sulfadimethoxine.

Before sending your pet home with a prescription for oral Sulfadimethoxine, treatment may have been initiated at the veterinary hospital with an injection of Sulfadimethoxine in order to obtain effective blood levels.

Give medication as directed by your veterinarian. Read and follow the label carefully.

This medication may be given with food.

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

Give this medication for as long as your veterinarian directs. Finish the entire course of treatment.

For liquids, shake well before accurately measuring the dose.

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

Ideally, give the medication at the same time daily.

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 at room temperature in a cool, dry place. Keep 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.

Pet owners allergic to sulfa drugs should avoid handling this drug.

POTENTIAL SIDE EFFECTS:

Diarrhea

Sulfa crystals in the urine

Dry eye (KCS), joint inflammation and skin rash

Anemia, fever, decrease in appetite, vomiting, diarrhea

Kidney damage

Polyarthritis and/or dermatologic reactions, especially in the Doberman

Allergy symptoms to this medication include: scratching, facial swelling, hives, sudden diarrhea, shock, seizures, pale gums, cold limbs or coma.

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 with antacids, aspirin, methotrexate, oral hypoglycemic agents, phenylbutazone, phenytoin, probenecid, thiazide diuretics, urinary acidifying agents and warfarin

If your pet is already on antacids, give these 2-3 hours before or after giving this medication

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 medicines, Sulfadimethoxine 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 Sulfadimethoxine. If you have any questions or concerns about Sulfadimethoxine or for the condition it was prescribed, contact your veterinarian.