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Trade Names:

Cerenia® Injectable Solution, Cerenia® Tablets

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Maropitant is a drug used to prevent and treat acute vomiting in dogs and cats. Maropitant is available as a tablet and as an injection (given by your veterinarian).

WHAT IS THIS DRUG?

A neurokinin (NK-1) receptor antagonist which acts as an anti-emetic (effective against vomiting and nausea)

Given by mouth or by injection under the skin (subcutaneous)

REASONS FOR PRESCRIBING:

Used in cats to treat vomiting and in dogs to prevent and treat acute vomiting (can be used to prevent vomiting caused by motion-sickness in dogs)

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Your veterinarian may administer injectable Maropitant in the clinic and recommend that you follow up with an oral formulation at home

WHAT DOGS/CATS SHOULD NOT BE GIVEN THIS MEDICATION?

This medication should be used in dogs that are 8 weeks and older

This medication should be used with caution in puppies that are less than 11 weeks old

This medication should be used in cats that are 16 weeks and older

This medication should be used with caution in animals with a history of heart or liver disease

This medication should not be used in animals with a possible gastro-intestinal obstruction (swallowed a foreign object) or in animals that may have eaten a poisonous or toxic substance

Safety in animals that are intended for breeding, pregnant or nursing has not been established

Animals with a known hypersensitivity or allergy to this drug should not take this medication

DIRECTIONS:

The injectable formulation of Maropitant is often given in the safety of a veterinary hospital with adequate patient monitoring and is rarely prescribed for use at home.

Maropitant tablets may be used interchangeably with the injectable solution for once daily dosing for the prevention of acute vomiting.

For oral formulations, read and follow the prescription label carefully.

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

Give this medication for as long as your veterinarian directs. Do not skip doses or stop giving the medication without consulting your veterinarian.

Do not feed your dog for 1 hour prior to giving this drug. Ideally, give this drug 2 hours before traveling.

Can be given once a day for up to 2 days in a row (for motion-sickness) or once a day for up to 5 days in a row (for disease-related nausea).

Baseline blood work and diagnostic imaging may be recommended to assess your pet's general health before starting this drug.

The length of use, frequency of administration, and expected improvement is dependent upon your pet's diagnosis, clinical response, and initial reason for use.

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

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 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 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 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 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, nursing or if you plan to breed your pet

#### STORAGE AND WARNINGS:

Maropitant should be stored in a childproof container in a cool, dark place at room temperature away from heat and direct light.

Keep this and all medication out of reach of children and pets.

Maropitant is an eye irritant. In case of accidental eye exposure, flush with water for 15 minutes and seek medical attention.

Maropitant may also cause a localized allergic skin reaction in some individuals. Wash hands with soap and water after administering.

Call your physician immediately if you accidentally take this product.

#### POTENTIAL SIDE EFFECTS:

This medication is usually well tolerated at the recommended doses

This medication can affect the gastrointestinal system causing loss of appetite, hypersalivation (drooling), nausea, vomiting (giving the tablet with a small amount of non-fatty food may prevent this) and diarrhea

This medication can cause changes in behavior such as lethargy, inco-ordination and convulsions

If you notice any of these symptoms or anything else unusual, 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 Maropitant in conjunction with chloramphenicol, phenobarbital, erythromycin, ketoconazole, itraconazole and NSAIDs

Drugs other than those listed may also interact with Maropitant

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 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, Maropitant 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.

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