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GENERAL DESCRIPTION: This drug is a fluoroquinolone antibiotic that is used to treat bacterial infections in dogs and cats. Ciprofloxacin is available as a tablet and an injectable solution.

WHAT IS THIS DRUG?

A fluoroquinolone antibiotic that is active against gram positive and gram-negative bacteria

Given as an injection into the vein (IV) or by mouth

REASONS FOR PRESCRIBING:

Used to treat common bacterial infections

WHAT DOGS/CATS SHOULD NOT TAKE THIS MEDICATION?

This medication should be used with caution in animals with existing liver or kidney disease

This medication should be used with caution in animals suffering from dehydration

This medication should be used with caution in young growing

Safety in breeding, pregnant, or nursing pets has not been established

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

DIRECTIONS: The injectable formulation of Ciprofloxacin is often given in the safety of a veterinary hospital.

Ciprofloxacin has a similar spectrum of activity compared to enrofloxacin but the oral bioavailability is very low. This lower bioavailability means that higher doses are required to achieve effective blood concentrations.

For the oral formulation, 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. Missed doses reduce the effectiveness of therapy. Finish the entire course of treatment.

Baseline blood work may be recommended to assess your pet's general health before starting this medication. Dose adjustments may be made based upon tests results, culture results, and an assessment of how your dog or cat is responding clinically.

This medication is often given on an empty stomach. If you pet vomits or is sick following medication administration, you may want to try to give with a small amount of food or a treat.

This medication should take effect within 1 to 2 days. You should see improvements in your pet's clinical signs.

Call ahead for refills.

Ideally, give this 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:

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 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 medications can be given together.

If your pet is pregnant, nursing or if you plan to breed your pet

STORAGE AND WARNINGS:

Ciprofloxacin should be stored in a childproof container in a cool, dark, dry place at room temperature 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.

POTENTIAL SIDE EFFECTS:

This medication can affect the gastrointestinal system causing inappetence, vomiting and diarrhea

This medication can affect the central nervous system causing stimulation or excitement

This medication can affect the urinary system causing crystals and bladder stones

This medication can affect the developing cartilage in growing animals

This medication is less likely than enrofloxacin to cause retinal toxicity in cats

All injectable medications have the potential to cause an immediate allergic or anaphylactic reaction. Affected animals may have a swelling, hives, changes in respiration, and display signs of agitation. This can be a severe and life threatening reaction, immediate treatment with epinephrine is often required.

If these symptoms persist or you notice 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 Ciprofloxacin in conjunction with: antacids, antibiotics, dairy products, cyclosporine, glyburide, iron, methotrexate, nitrofurantoin, phenytoin, probenecid, quinidine, sucralfate, theophylline, warfarin and zinc

Drugs other than those listed may also interact with Ciprofloxacin

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?

Notify your veterinarian if your animal's condition does not improve or worsens despite this treatment. As with all prescribed medicines, Ciprofloxacin 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 Ciprofloxacin. If you have any questions or concerns about Ciprofloxacin or the condition for which it was prescribed, please contact your veterinarian.