

Capromorelin - Main

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Trade Names:

Elura™, ENTYCE™

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION:** The regulation of appetite is a very complex process involving many different parts of the body. Capromorelin mimics a natural hormone called "ghrelin" which binds to a receptor in the brain that causes the feeling of hunger. This medication is commonly used in dogs and cats to manage conditions where poor appetite is a concern and is available as a flavored oral solution.

**WHAT IS THIS DRUG?**

Ghrelin receptor agonist

Given by mouth

**REASONS FOR PRESCRIBING:**

Often used to stimulate appetite and assist with the management of inappetence caused by an underlying acute or chronic medical condition

**WHAT DOGS/CATS SHOULD NOT TAKE THIS MEDICATION?**

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

This medication should be used with caution in pets with diabetes mellitus

This medication should not be used in puppies/kittens less than 5 months of age

This medication should not be used in cats with acromegaly

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

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

**DIRECTIONS:**

Read and follow the prescription label carefully.

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

Discuss with your veterinarian if this medication is to be given with food or administered directly into your pet's mouth. Food is often offered 30 minutes after this medication has been administered.

The bottle should be gently shaken and the appropriate volume of solution for your pet's body weight can be withdrawn into the provided syringe. Ensure that the syringe is washed and dried daily.

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.

Baseline blood work may be recommended to assess your pet's general health before starting this medication. Periodic blood work to monitor your pet's underlying medical condition may be recommended. Dose adjustments may be made based upon these results and an assessment of how your pet is responding clinically.

Ensure your pet has plenty of food and fresh, clean drinking water while taking this medication. Speak to your veterinarian if your pet does not eat or drink well.

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

Call ahead for refills.

Ideally, give this medication at the same time(s) daily.

**WHAT TO TELL/ASK A VETERINARIAN BEFORE GIVING 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:

Capromorelin should be stored in a childproof container in a cool, 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 nausea, vomiting, loose stool, increase saliva production (hypersalivation), abdominal discomfort, flatulence or gas, and lethargy

This medication may cause increased thirst and urination as well as increases in blood urea nitrogen, creatinine and phosphorus

This medication has caused lip smacking and head shaking in cats

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 DRUGS?

Yes, but possible interactions may occur when giving Capromorelin in conjunction with amiodarone, cimetidine, diltiazem, erythromycin, phenobarbital and rifampin

Drugs other than those listed may also interact with Capromorelin

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, Capromorelin 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 Capromorelin. If you have any questions or concerns about this medication or the condition for which it was prescribed, please contact your veterinarian.