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GENERAL DESCRIPTION: This drug is a medication that is used in dogs and cats to dilate blood vessels which helps the heart to work more efficiently. Enalapril is available as tablets and as an injection.

WHAT IS THIS DRUG?

An angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitor

Given by mouth

Given as an injection at your veterinary clinic

REASONS FOR PRESCRIBING:

To treat heart failure

To treat high blood pressure

WHAT DOGS/CATS SHOULD NOT TAKE THIS MEDICATION?

Animals with liver disease

Animals with blood disorders

Animals with certain kidney disease

Animals with certain vascular disease

Animals that are dehydrated

Animals that may be pregnant or nursing

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.

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

Baseline blood work is recommended to assess your pet's general health before starting this medication.

Periodic blood work, chest radiographs, and urinalysis may be recommended to monitor Enalapril's effects on the body as long-term therapy is often necessary. Dose adjustments may be made based upon these results and an assessment of how your dog or cat is responding clinically.

It is important that your pet does not become dehydrated while taking this medication, ensure that they have access to fresh water at all times.

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 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:

Enalapril 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.

Consult with your veterinarian if you switch between different brands of Enalapril as monitoring your pet's condition may be required during this transition.

Call your physician immediately if you accidentally take this product.

POTENTIAL SIDE EFFECTS:

This medication can affect the gastrointestinal system causing decreased appetite, vomiting, diarrhea and weight loss

This medication can affect the kidneys causing increases in thirst and urination

This medication can affect the levels of potassium in the blood causing a slow heart rate and weakness

This medication can cause low blood pressure causing lethargy and weakness

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 Enalapril in conjunction with: digoxin, diuretics (e.g. furosemide, spironolactone), nonsteroidal anti-inflammatories (e.g. acetaminophen, deracoxib, carprofen, ibuprofen, meloxicam) and potassium supplements

Drugs other than those listed may also interact with Enalapril

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