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Trade Names:

Reconcile® Chewable Tablets

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Fluoxetine is an SSRI antidepressant useful in treating separation anxiety, inappropriate urination and many other behavioral issues in dogs and cats. Best results are achieved with most behavior drugs by simultaneous use of behavior modification training. Fluoxetine is available as tablets, chewable tablets, capsules and as an oral liquid.

WHAT IS THIS DRUG?

Fluoxetine is a selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor (SSRI) antidepressant

Fluoxetine is given by mouth

REASONS FOR PRESCRIBING:

To reduce separation anxiety (common behaviors include household destruction, barking, whining, urination, and drooling) and increase receptivity to training techniques that create positive behavior

To treat inappropriate urine marking in dogs and cats

To treat aggression, thunderstorm phobias plus various obsessive and compulsive behaviors such as chewing, circling and self-mutilation

WHAT DOGS/CATS SHOULD NOT TAKE THIS MEDICATION?

This medication should not be used in dogs less than 6 months or weighing less than 8.8 lbs

This medication should not be used in pets also receiving drugs known as monoamine oxidase inhibitors (MAO inhibitors)

This medication should be used with caution in pets with diabetes, liver or kidney disease

This medication should be used with caution in pets with a history of seizures

Safety in pregnant or nursing animals has not been established

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

DIRECTIONS:

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. This medication may be a life-long medication.

Fluoxetine will be administered in conjunction with a positive behavior modification program. It is essential to follow the training plan as well as administer the medication, to achieve therapy success.

It may take several weeks before effects of the medication are noted. Dose adjustments may be made based upon an assessment of how your dog or cat is responding clinically. Baseline and periodic blood testing may be necessary to assess the pet's health and response to Fluoxetine.

Do not abruptly discontinue this drug. It will be necessary to slowly taper the dose over time to reduce unpleasant side effects and ensure your pet's behavior does not return.

Discuss with your veterinarian if this medication is to be given with food. If your pet experiences digestive upset following medication administration, try offering with a small amount of food or a treat. Do not give your pet aged cheese while on Fluoxetine.

This medication will take effect quickly, in about 1 to 2 hours, but its effects may not be visibly noticeable for a few days. In some pets, it may take several weeks of medication in combination with behavior modification to see improvements.

Call ahead for refills.

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

Your pet's training history and household environment

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 in a tight, light resistant, childproof container in a cool, dry place at room temperature away from heat and direct sunlight. Do not remove the desiccant, if included.

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 Fluoxetine and/or other SSRIs should use caution when handling this drug.

POTENTIAL SIDE EFFECTS:

This medication can affect the gastrointestinal system causing loss of appetite, vomiting, diarrhea, constipation, excessive salivation and subsequent weight loss

This medication can affect the central nervous system causing lethargy, drowsiness, irritability, confusion, disorientation, incoordination, anxiety, restlessness, shaking, confusion, panting, excessive vocalization, whining and dilated pupils

This medication can cause some dogs to lose their inhibitions while medicated and become aggressive

This medication can reduce the seizure threshold and there is a low chance of causing seizures

This medication can cause liver disease has been reported. Monitor your pet for fatigue, lack of appetite, and yellowing of the gums, skin or the whites of the eyes.

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 Fluoxetine in conjunction with buspirone, cimetidine, diazepam, digoxin, encainide, flecainide, haloperidol, lithium, l-tryptophan, metoclopramide, perphenazine, phenylbutazone, phenytoin, propafenone, thioridazine, tricyclic antidepressants (amitriptyline, clomipramine, imipramine) and warfarin

Fluoxetine should not be used within 14 days of administering monoamine oxidase inhibitors (amitraz, deprenyl, isoniazid, selegiline)

Fluoxetine should not be given with drugs that could increase the likelihood of seizures (acepromazine, chlorpromazine)

Drugs other than those listed may also interact with Fluoxetine

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