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GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Fluconazole is an oral antifungal agent used to treat fungal infections in dogs and cats (e.g. urinary, ringworm, central nervous system infections). This medication is available in different strengths as an oral suspension or as a tablet.

WHAT IS THIS DRUG?

Antifungal

Given by mouth

REASONS FOR PRESCRIBING:

Treatment of fungal infections that are widespread, internal (central nervous system, urinary tract), or superficial skin infections (yeast infections and ringworm)

Fewer side effects than other antifungal agents, although expensive

WHAT DOGS/CATS SHOULD NOT TAKE THIS MEDICATION?

Pets known to have had an allergic reaction to Fluconazole or like products before

Use with caution in pets with poor kidney function

Pets with liver disease

Pregnant or nursing animals

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.

Baseline blood work may be recommended to assess your pet's general health before starting this medication. As long-term therapy is often required, periodic blood work may be recommended to monitor this medication's effects on the body. Dose adjustments may be made based upon these results and an assessment of how your dog or cat is responding clinically.

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.

This medication should take effect within 1 to 2 days. You should see improvements in your pet's clinical signs. It may take one or two weeks before effects of the medication are noted.

Call ahead for refills. Long-term therapy (a few weeks to months) is usually necessary for successful results.

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:

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.

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:

Decrease in appetite, vomiting, diarrhea, liver toxicity (jaundice - yellowing of gums, skin or eyes). If these symptoms are experienced, stop medication and have your veterinarian check the liver enzymes.

Kidney failure

Depression, fatigue, pale gums (possible anemia)

Skin rash

If you notice anything unusual, contact your veterinarian

This moderate-acting medication should stop working in a few days, 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 Fluconazole in conjunction with aminophylline, amphotericin B, benzodiazepines, buspirone, cimetidine, cisapride, colchicine, corticosteroids, cyclosporine, diuretics, fentanyl, losartan, macrolide antibiotics (erythromycin, clarithromycin), methadone, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatories (NSAIDs), quinidine, rifampin, sildenafil, theophylline, tricyclic antidepressants (clomipramine, amitriptyline), oral antidiabetic agents (glipizide, glyburide), rifampin, vincristine, vinblastine and warfarin (or other blood thinners).

Drugs other than those listed may also interact with Fluconazole

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