

Grapiprant - Main

Trade Names:

GALLIPRANT®

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Grapiprant is an oral nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) used in dogs to control pain and inflammation due to osteoarthritis (OA). Grapiprant is unique in that it is a prostaglandin receptor antagonist (PRA) and does not inhibit cyclooxygenase enzymes like many other NSAIDs. The common concerns regarding impact on the gastrointestinal system, liver and kidneys with the use of NSAIDs is reduced with Grapiprant due to its unique pharmacology. While Grapiprant is not a cure for osteoarthritis, it can control the pain and inflammation of this debilitating disease and improve your pet's mobility. Grapiprant is available as a once daily chewable tablet.

WHAT IS THIS DRUG?

A nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID)

PGE₂ EP4 receptor antagonist

Given by mouth

REASONS FOR PRESCRIBING:

Helps to manage osteoarthritis by targeting key receptors involved in joint pain and inflammation

WHAT DOGS SHOULD NOT TAKE THIS MEDICATION?

This medication is not for use in cats

This medication should not be used in pediatric pets as safe use has not been established in dogs less than 9 months of age

Safe use of this medication has not been established in dogs less than 3.6 kg or 8 lbs

Those currently receiving aspirin, other NSAIDs or corticosteroids (unless directed by your veterinarian)

This medication should be used with caution in animals with a history heart disease

Safe use in animals that are intended for breeding, pregnant or nursing has not been established

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

Animals with a known hypersensitivity or allergy to sulfonamide drugs or pork products may also have a sensitivity with this medication

DIRECTIONS:

Read and follow the prescription label carefully.

Give the exact amount prescribed and only as often as directed. This medication is usually 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 and urinalysis is often recommended to assess your pet's general health before starting this drug. Periodic blood work and urinalysis will be required to monitor this medications effect on the body.

Dose adjustments or changes to the dosage schedule may be made based upon these results and an assessment of how your dog is responding clinically.

The length of use, frequency of administration, and expected improvement is dependent upon your pet's diagnosis, clinical response, and initial reason for use.

Do not give this medication with any other over the counter medications that are used for treating pain without consulting your veterinarian.

Your veterinarian may recommend a brief wash-out period if your dog was previously on a different non-steroidal anti-inflammatory or corticosteroid medication.

Pain and inflammation control may vary from dog to dog. Consult your veterinarian if your dog appears to be uncomfortable. An improvement should be seen within 7 to 14 days.

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

Call ahead for refills.

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 A VETERINARIAN BEFORE GIVING MEDICATION?

Talk to your veterinarian about:

Common signs of pain and inflammation in your pet

Common signs of osteoarthritis such as: limping or lameness, stiffness, decreased joint movement, decreased activity, reluctance to stand, climb stairs, jump or run or difficulty in performing these activities

The importance of weight control and exercise in the management of arthritis

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:

Grapiprant should be stored in a childproof container in a cool, dark place at room temperature away from heat and direct light.

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:

Treatment goals often include the shortest duration of treatment or lowest effective dose consistent with a positive response in order to avoid adverse effects

This medication can affect the gastrointestinal system causing loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and lethargy

This medication can result in reduced albumin and total protein

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 grapiprant in conjunction with other protein bound drugs such as cardiac medications, anti-seizure medications and behavior medications

Additional analgesics may be prescribed to appropriately manage discomfort in some pets

It is recommended to avoid concurrent use with other NSAIDs, aspirin or corticosteroids

Drugs other than those listed may also interact with Grapiprant

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