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Trade Names:

K-BroVet® Oral Solution

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: If your pet is experiencing frequent seizures (abnormal electrical activity in the brain), they may require medication for effective management. Potassium Bromide is an anticonvulsant prescribed to your dog to prevent future seizures. This drug is often used in combination with other anticonvulsants. To reduce stomach upset, give Potassium Bromide with a meal. Potassium Bromide is available as tablets or as an oral solution.

WHAT IS THIS DRUG?

Potassium Bromide is an anticonvulsant

Potassium Bromide is given by mouth

REASONS FOR PRESCRIBING:

Used in the treatment of seizures in dogs and cats

Sometimes used in combination with other anti-seizure medications, such as phenobarbital

WHAT DOGS/CATS SHOULD NOT BE GIVEN THIS MEDICATION?

Use with caution in cats

Use with caution in dogs with a history of pancreatitis

Some cats develop a severe asthma-like lung condition. For this reason, Potassium Bromide may not be a good choice for seizure control in cats.

Use with caution in pets with kidney disease, older animals and those with other health problems

Pregnant or nursing pets

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

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. Do not discontinue the drug abruptly or without directions from your veterinarian, as your pet's condition may worsen. This drug will likely need to be taken for the rest of your pet's life. It will be very important to follow your veterinarian's instructions regarding recheck appointments.

Commonly when a dog is first prescribed Potassium Bromide, a higher or 'loading' dose is given for a short period of time to get the blood level up quickly. Follow your veterinarian's instructions carefully to achieve the best response to the therapy and to minimize side effects. Blood levels will stabilize in 3-4 months.

Baseline blood work is recommended to assess your pet's general health before starting this medication. Periodic blood work will be recommended to monitor this medication's therapeutic levels within the body. Blood levels will often stabilize in 3-4 months. Dose adjustments may be made based upon these results and an assessment of how your dog or cat is responding clinically.

This medication can take a few weeks before full effects are observed, but gradual improvements are usually noticeable after a few days.

This medication is often given with food to minimize digestive upset following medication administration. Ensure your pet has fresh, clean drinking water at all times.

Do not give your animal any salty treats (e.g. pigs' ears) and review any diet changes with your veterinarian. Salt does not need to be restricted, but carefully controlled.

It is useful to your veterinarian for you to record and later report the date, time, severity, length and circumstances of any seizure your pet has while taking this medication.

Call ahead for refills.

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

WHAT IF DOSE IS MISSED?

Missing a dose can cause a seizure. 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 and direct sunlight.

Refrigerate oral solution if instructed.

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 potassium bromide should avoid handling this drug.

POTENTIAL SIDE EFFECTS:

During the initial loading period, drowsiness or grogginess can be expected. If this effect is severe, lasts longer than 2-3 weeks or if the pet develops muscle pain, twitching, uneven pupils, or a behavior change, contact your veterinarian immediately. Do not give more Potassium Bromide to a groggy pet, even if the next dose is due

This medication can cause an increase in hunger (polyphagia), weight gain, excess thirst (polydipsia) and urination (polyuria)

Giving Potassium Bromide with food should alleviate gastrointestinal irritation (nausea, vomiting)

This medication can affect the gastrointestinal system causing a lack of appetite, diarrhea, constipation

This medication can affect the central nervous system causing sedation, lethargy, incoordination and weakness in the pelvic limbs

This medication can affect the dermatological system causing skin issues like rashes

This medication can affect the liver causing an increase in liver enzymes and bile acids

Dogs may develop a cough (which resolves) when Potassium Bromide is discontinued

Bromide levels will need to be monitored periodically to ensure they are not too high

It is important to stop therapy and contact your veterinarian immediately if you think your pet has a medical problem or side effect from this product's therapy

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 Potassium Bromide in conjunction with diuretics (furosemide, thiazides), high sodium diets or treats, intravenous fluids containing sodium and drugs that affect the central nervous system (general anesthetics, sedatives, tranquilizers)

Drugs other than those listed may also interact with Potassium Bromide

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?

Overdoses are more likely from chronic overdosing than your pet consuming one large dose. Call your veterinarian immediately if you suspect an overdose (pet is exhibiting extreme drowsiness, stupor, tremors or muscle pain or other extreme symptoms).

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, Potassium Bromide 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.

It is likely that your veterinarian will want to monitor your pet's condition periodically. It is important to periodically discuss your pet's response to Potassium Bromide at regular checkups.

This is just a summary of information about Potassium Bromide. If you have any questions or concerns about Potassium Bromide or for the condition it was prescribed, contact your veterinarian.