

Marbofloxacin - Main

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Trade Names:

Marboquin™ (marbofloxacin) Tablets, Zeniquin®

MARBOFLOXACIN

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Marbofloxacin is an oral fluoroquinolone antibiotic used in dogs and cats to treat various bacterial infections (e.g. urinary tract, skin and soft tissue infections). Marbofloxacin tablets are available from your veterinarian.

WHAT IS THIS DRUG?

Marbofloxacin is a fluoroquinolone antibiotic

Given by mouth

REASONS FOR PRESCRIBING:

Often used in urinary tract, skin and soft tissue infections

WHAT DOGS/CATS SHOULD NOT TAKE THIS MEDICATION?

Young, growing dogs due to potential for cartilage abnormalities

Use with caution in animals with liver or kidney conditions, or those suffering dehydration

Breeding, pregnant or nursing animals

This medication should not be used in cats less than 12 months of age

Use with caution in cats at high doses

Use with caution in pets with a history of seizures or other central nervous system disorders

Pets known to have had an allergic reaction to other quinolones

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. Finish the entire course of treatment.

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

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.

Give Marbofloxacin 2 hours before or after any iron, dairy or calcium products.

Ensure there is water available for your pet to drink.

This medication should take effect within 1 to 2 days. You should see improvements in your pet's clinical signs.

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:

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 tablets in a tight, light resistant, childproof container in a cool, dry place at room temperature away from heat and direct sunlight.

People should not take this drug. Keep this and all medication out of reach of children and pets.

Not for use in livestock.

Call your physician immediately if you accidentally take this product.

Pet owners who are allergic to quinolones (such as ciprofloxacin or norfloxacin) should use caution when handling this drug as a photosensitivity reaction could occur with contact.

#### POTENTIAL SIDE EFFECTS:

Decrease in appetite and activity, vomiting, soft stools and diarrhea

Damage to joint cartilage in dogs <8 months of age

Urine crystals in dehydrated pets

High doses of other fluoroquinolones in cats have reportedly caused blindness. Contact your veterinarian if your cat shows any signs of dilated pupils or any change in behavior.

Rare incidences in fluoroquinolones of liver issues, dizziness, seizures, depression, lethargy and nervousness

If you notice anything 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 Marbofloxacin in conjunction with aminoglycosides, antacids, 3rd generation cephalosporins, cyclosporine, flunixin, methotrexate, methionine, nitrofurantoin, probenecid, some penicillins, quinidine, sucralfate, theophylline, warfarin and medications containing aluminum, calcium, iron, magnesium and zinc

Drugs other than those listed may also interact with Marbofloxacin

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