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GENERAL DESCRIPTION: This drug is a medication that is used in dogs and cats to relax muscles thereby providing relief from muscle spasms. Methocarbamol is available in the form of a tablet and as an injectable.

WHAT IS THIS DRUG?

A muscle relaxant

Given by mouth or injection

REASONS FOR PRESCRIBING:

To provide pain relief from muscle spasms that may be caused by acute inflammation, trauma and certain poison ingestion

WHAT DOGS/CATS SHOULD NOT TAKE THIS MEDICATION?

Animals with kidney disease

Animals that may be pregnant or nursing

Animals that require full alertness when performing - guide dogs, police dogs, rescue dogs

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

DIRECTIONS:

Read and follow the prescription label carefully.

Give the exact amount prescribed and only as often as directed.

Discuss with your veterinarian if this medication is to be 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 may be recommended to assess your pet's general health before starting this medication.

Dose adjustments may be made based upon an assessment of how your dog or cat is responding clinically.

When administering the injectable, this medication will start to have effects within the body immediately.

When administering orally, this medication will take effect quickly, in about 1 to 2 hours. Improvement in clinical signs should follow.

Call ahead for refills.

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

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 YOUR VETERINARIAN BEFORE GIVING THIS MEDICATION?

Talk to your veterinarian about:

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:

Methocarbamol should be stored in a childproof container in a cool, dry place at room temperature away from heat and direct sunlight.

Keep this and all medication out of reach of children and pets.

Ensure that your medication contains only methocarbamol. There are formulations available that contain Methocarbamol in addition to anti-inflammatories such as acetaminophen, acetylsalicylic acid and ibuprofen. Some of these additional medications can be very harmful to your pet.

Call your physician immediately if you accidentally take this product.

POTENTIAL SIDE EFFECTS:

This medication can affect the gastrointestinal system causing excess salivation and vomiting

This medication can affect the central nervous system causing sedation, drowsiness, and stumbling

If these symptoms persist or you notice anything else unusual, contact your veterinarian

When giving the injectable, this short-acting medication will stop working quickly following discontinuation of administration. Mild side effects may continue to persist for several hours in certain individuals.

When giving orally, 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 Methocarbamol in conjunction with sedatives, phenobarbital and pyridostigmine

Drugs other than those listed may also interact with Methocarbamol

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