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Trade Names:

Orbax® Oral Suspension, Orbax® Tablets

ORBIFLOXACIN

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION:** Orbifloxacin is an oral fluoroquinolone antibiotic used in dogs and cats to treat various bacterial infections (e.g. ear, skin and soft tissue infections). Orbifloxacin is available as a tablet or an oral suspension.

**WHAT IS THIS DRUG?**

Orbifloxacin is a fluoroquinolone antibiotic

Given by mouth

**REASONS FOR PRESCRIBING:**

Often used in ear, skin and soft tissue infections

Effective against many bacteria types and uses lower doses than some fluoroquinolones, therefore fewer tablets/cost

**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

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:**

For oral formulations, 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. 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.

This medication is best if taken on an empty stomach. If your pet experiences digestive upset following medication administration, try offering with a small amount of food or a treat.

Orbifloxacin tablets are enteric coated to hide the natural bitter taste. Hiding crushed tablets in the pet's food will likely not be effective and hand-pilling is likely necessary. After administration, watch the pet closely to ensure the entire dose was consumed.

Ensure there is water available for your pet to drink.

Do not give at the same time with other supplements or medications containing calcium, iron, or aluminum. Give Orbifloxacin 2 hours before or after any iron, dairy or calcium products.

This medication will take effect quickly, in about 1 to 2 hours, but its effects may not be visibly noticeable for a few days.

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

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 food animals.

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.

#### POTENTIAL SIDE EFFECTS:

Decrease in appetite, fatigue, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea (high doses)

High doses in cats may cause soft feces

Damage to joint cartilage in dogs <8 months of age

Possibility of urine crystals in dehydrated pets

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

Rare incidences of 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 Orbifloxacin in conjunction with aminoglycosides, antacids, 3rd generation cephalosporins, clindamycin, cimetidine, cyclosporine, flunixin, glyburide, methotrexate, nitrofurantoin, phenytoin, probenecid, some penicillins, sucralfate, theophylline, warfarin, and medications containing aluminum, calcium, iron, magnesium and zinc

Drugs other than those listed may also interact with Orbifloxacin

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