

Potassium Gluconate - Main

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Trade Names:

Amino B+K, PotassiGel, Potassium gluconate Powder, Potassium gluconate Tablets, RenaKare™ Gel, Renal K Gel

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

This drug is a medication that is used in dogs and cats that require supplementation with potassium. Potassium Gluconate is available in the form of tablets, powder, and as a gel.

WHAT IS THIS DRUG?

A potassium supplement

Given by mouth

REASONS FOR PRESCRIBING:

To treat animals that are deficient in potassium

WHAT DOGS/CATS SHOULD NOT USE THIS MEDICATION?

Animals with acute or advanced kidney disease

Animals that are dehydrated

Animals with urethral obstruction

Animals with Addison's disease

Animals with certain blood disorders

Animals with certain heart disease

Animals that may be pregnant or nursing

Animals with disease causing high potassium levels

Animals with constipation should not receive the tablet form of this medication

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.

This medication should be given with food to reduce stomach upset.

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 is recommended to assess your pet's general health before starting this medication.

Periodic blood work to monitor its effects on the body is also advised as long term therapy is often necessary. Dose adjustments may be made based upon these results and an assessment of how your dog or cat is responding clinically.

This medication should take effect within 1 to 2 hours. Effects may not be visibly obvious and therefore laboratory tests may need to be done to evaluate this medication's effectiveness.

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:

Potassium Gluconate 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.

Call your physician immediately if you accidentally take this product.

POTENTIAL SIDE EFFECTS:

This medication can affect the gastrointestinal system causing decreased appetite, vomiting and diarrhea. These side effects may be reduced by giving this medication with food

This medication can cause high potassium levels which may result in vomiting, muscle weakness, abnormal heart rates and rhythm

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 MEDICATIONS?

Yes, but possible interactions may occur when giving Potassium Gluconate in conjunction with angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitors (e.g. benazepril and enalapril), digoxin, glucocorticoids, mineralocorticoids, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatories (e.g. acetaminophen, deracoxib, carprofen, ibuprofen, meloxicam) and spironolactone

Drugs other than those listed may also interact with Potassium Gluconate

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