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General Description:

High blood pressure due to heart and kidney disease is common in cats and dogs. This medication works by dilating blood vessels and thereby lowering blood pressure which reduces the workload on the heart. Telmisartan is available by prescription from your licensed veterinarian as an oral tablet and as a solution.

What is this drug?

This medication is an angiotensin receptor blocker (ARB)

Given by mouth

Reasons for prescribing:

There is limited experience with use of this medication in veterinary medicine

May be used as an adjunct treatment to manage high blood pressure (hypertension) associated with kidney or cardiac disease

May be used as an adjunct treatment to reduce the amount of protein lost in the urine (proteinuria)

Animal Precautions:

This medication is labeled for use in cats and should be administered only when and as prescribed by a licensed veterinarian

Use of this medication in any other species should be in consultation with a veterinarian

Use of this prescribed medication in animals with any of the following conditions should be limited to those who are under the supervision of a veterinarian:

Liver disease

Dehydration or imbalanced electrolytes

Blood abnormalities such as anemia

Safety has not been established in:

Breeding, pregnant or nursing animals

Animals with a known hypersensitivity or allergy to this or related products should not be given this medication

Directions:

Read and follow the 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 veterinarian directs. Do not skip doses or stop giving the medication without consulting your veterinarian. Missed doses reduce the effectiveness of therapy. This medication may be a life long medication.

Baseline blood work is recommended to assess your pet's general health before starting this medication. Periodic blood work, blood pressure measurements, chest radiographs, urinalysis, and retinal examinations may be recommended to monitor your pet's disease and this medication's effect on the body. Patients with high blood pressure or hypertension often need to be monitored closely.

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

Ensure your pet has plenty of food and fresh, clean drinking water while taking this medication. Speak to your veterinarian if your pet does not eat or drink well.

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 the medication at the same time(s) daily.

If your product came with a dosing syringe:

Remove the bottle cap and attach the dosing syringe

Turn the medication bottle upside down

Pull plunger back to fill the syringe to the recommended dosing line

Turn the medication bottle upright

Remove dosing syringe from the medication bottle

Put the syringe into your pet's mouth and gently push the syringe plunger

This medication can be placed directly on top of your pet's food but do not mix into the food

Ensure that your pet eats their food and the entire dose of medication

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.

If your pet vomits within 30 minutes of a dose administration, you can give the same dose again. If your pet vomits more than 30 minutes after a dose administration, do not give another dose until the next scheduled dose.

What to tell/ask a veterinarian before giving medication?

Talk to your veterinarian about:

Common signs of kidney disease, heart disease or high blood pressure in your pet

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 safety concerns when using this product in different species

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:

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

In humans, this medication can cause birth defects. Pregnant women should avoid handling Telmisartan or at minimum wear disposable gloves and wash hands immediately after administering.

Once the solution container is opened, use medication contents within 6 months.

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:

There is limited information and experience using telmisartan in veterinary medicine, therefore all potential adverse effects are not known at this time

This medication may contribute to low blood pressure which can cause fatigue, lethargy, weakness or collapse in some pets

This medication can cause low red blood cells (anemia)

This medication can affect the gastrointestinal system causing nausea and loss of appetite, vomiting, diarrhea, weight loss and dehydration

This medication may cause an increase in liver enzymes

If you notice any of these symptoms or if your pet's condition worsens 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 drugs?

Yes, but possible interactions may occur with when giving Telmisartan in conjunction with digoxin

Drugs other than those listed may also interact with Telmisartan

This medication may be used with other heart and kidney medications

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 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, Telmisartan 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, at the prescribed dose, as directed by your veterinarian.

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