

**PRESCRIPTION ANIMAL REMEDY
KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN
FOR ANIMAL TREATMENT ONLY**

Loxicom 1.5 mg/mL Oral Suspension For Dogs

Composition

Each mL contains 1.5 mg meloxicam;
one drop contains 0.05 mg meloxicam.

Action

Meloxicam is a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory compound of the oxicam group which acts by inhibition of prostaglandin synthesis. Meloxicam exerts anti-inflammatory, anti-exudative, analgesic and antipyretic effects. It inhibits leukocyte infiltration into the inflamed tissue and prevents bone and cartilage damage. To a minor extent it also inhibits collagen induced thrombocyte aggregation.

Indications

Loxicom 1.5mg/mL Suspension is a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) for use in dogs. It is indicated for the alleviation of inflammation and pain in both acute and chronic musculoskeletal disorders such as disco-spondylosis, arthropathy and soft tissue injury.

DIRECTIONS FOR USE

Contraindications

Product should not be administered to pregnant or lactating bitches in the last third of pregnancy. As for all NSAIDs use in any animal less than 6 weeks of age or in debilitated aged animals may involve additional risk. If use in such animals cannot be avoided careful clinical management may be required.

The use of the product is contra-indicated in animals suffering from cardiac, hepatic or clinical renal disease. This is also the case when there is the possibility of gastro-intestinal ulceration or bleeding, or where there is evidence of a haemorrhagic disorder or individual hypersensitivity to the product. Loxicom 1.5mg/mL Suspension should not be administered concurrently with steroidal or other non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, aminoglycoside antibiotics or anti-coagulant agents. Pre-treatment with anti-inflammatory drugs may result in additional or increased adverse effects and accordingly a treatment free period with such drugs should be observed for at least 24 hours before commencement with Loxicom 1.5mg/mL Suspension. The treatment-free period, however, should take into account the pharmacokinetic properties of the drugs used previously.

Side Effects

Typical adverse reactions of NSAIDs may occur (particularly within the first 5-14 days of treatment).

These may include loss of appetite, vomiting, diarrhoea, faecal occult blood and apathy. Gastro-intestinal side effects are in most cases transient and disappear following termination of treatment but in rare cases may be serious. If gastro-intestinal side effects are persistent or of severity, treatment should be discontinued.

Overdose

In case of overdosing a symptomatic treatment should be initiated.

Dosage and Administration

Shake well before use.

Discard 6 months after initial use when stored below 25°C (Air conditioning). Clean and dry syringes after each use.

Should be administered mixed with food. On the first day of treatment a single dose of 0.2mg/kg bodyweight should be given. Treatment is to be continued once daily by oral administration (at 24 hour intervals) at a maintenance dose of 0.1mg/kg bodyweight.

Particular care should be given with regard to the accuracy and timing of dosing. **Accuracy:** The suspension can be given using either the drop dispenser (for very small breeds) – which provides 0.05mg meloxicam per drop or the measuring syringe provided in the package. The syringe fits onto the bottle and has a kg-bodyweight scale designed for the maintenance dose (ie. 0.1mg/kg bodyweight).

Timing: Ensure dose is delivered at the same time each day. Thus twice the volume should be administered on the first day of the initial dose. Maintenance dose: 2 drops/kg: 0.1mg/kg bodyweight: 1 maintenance dosage volume. If no improvement is noticeable after 10 days of treatment, please consult a veterinary surgeon.

FIRST AID: If poisoning occurs, contact a doctor or Poisons Information Centre. Phone Australia 131 126.

Dispose of empty container by wrapping with paper and putting in garbage.

Store below 25°C (Air conditioning).

Presentation

Plastic squeeze dropper bottle containing either 10mL, 32mL or 100mL. A measuring syringe is also provided in the pack.

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