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Rheumocam 1.5 mg/ml oral suspension for dogs

Species:	Dogs
Therapeutic indication:	**Pharmaceuticals: Anti-inflammatory preparations: Oral:** Other NSAIDs
Active ingredient:	Meloxicam
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Presentation

Oral suspension. Each ml contains Meloxicam 1.5 mg and Sodium benzoate 5 mg.

Uses

Meloxicam is a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) for the use of alleviation of inflammation and pain in both acute and chronic musculo-skeletal disorders in dogs.

Dosage and administration

Initial treatment is a single dose of 0.2 mg meloxicam/kg body weight on the first day. Treatment is to be continued once daily by oral administration (at 24-hour intervals) at a maintenance dose of 0.1 mg meloxicam/kg body weight.

Particular care should be taken with regard to the accuracy of dosing.

Shake well before use.

To be administered mixed with food.

The suspension can be given using the Rheumocam measuring syringe provided in the package.

The syringe fits onto the bottle and has a kg-body weight scale which corresponds to the maintenance dose (i.e. 0.1 mg meloxicam/kg body weight). Thus for the first day, twice the maintenance volume will be required.

Dosing procedure using the measuring syringe

Step 1: Before using Rheumocam for the very first time ensure that you have the bottle, circular plastic insert and syringe.

Step 2: Place the circular plastic insert into the neck of the bottle and push down until securely in place. Once in place the insert will not need to be removed.

Step 3: Replace the cap onto the bottle and shake it well. Take off the bottle cap and attach the dosing syringe to the bottle by gently pushing the end into the hole.

Step 4: Turn the bottle with the syringe in place upside down and slowly withdraw the plunger until the required dose is evident.

Step 5: Turn the bottle/syringe the right way up and with a twisting movement separate the syringe from the bottle.

Step 6: Push the plunger until all contents of the syringe have been dispensed onto the food.

A clinical response is normally seen within 3 - 4 days. Treatment should be discontinued after 10 days at the latest if no clinical improvement is apparent.

Contra-indications, warnings, etc

Do not use in pregnant or lactating animals.

Do not use in animals suffering from gastrointestinal disorders such as irritation and haemorrhage, impaired hepatic, cardiac or renal function and haemorrhagic disorders.

Do not use in case of hypersensitivity to the active substance or to any of the excipients.

Do not use in dogs less than 6 weeks of age.

Adverse reactions

Typical adverse reactions of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) such as loss of appetite, vomiting, diarrhoea, faecal occult blood lethargy and renal failure have occasionally been reported. In very rare cases haemorrhagic diarrhoea, haematemesis, gastrointestinal ulceration and elevated liver enzymes have been reported. These side effects occur generally within the first treatment week and are in most cases transient and disappear following termination of the treatment but in very rare cases may be serious or fatal. If adverse reactions occur, treatment should be discontinued and the advice of a veterinarian should be sought. If you notice any serious effects or other effects not mentioned in this leaflet, please inform your veterinary surgeon.

Special warnings

Avoid use in any dehydrated, hypovolaemic or hypotensive animal, as there is a potential risk of increased renal toxicity.

Other NSAIDs, diuretics, anticoagulants, aminoglycoside antibiotics and substances with high protein binding may compete for binding and thus lead to toxic effects. Rheumocam must not be administered in conjunction with other NSAIDs or glucocorticosteriods.

Pre-treatment with anti-inflammatory substances may result in additional or increased adverse effects and accordingly a treatment-free period with such veterinary products should be observed for at least 24 hours before commencement of treatment. The treatment-free period, however, should take into account the pharmacokinetic properties of the veterinary products used previously.

In the case of overdosage symptomatic treatment should be initiated.

Operator warnings

People with known hypersensitivity to NSAIDs should avoid contact with the veterinary medicinal product.

In case of accidental ingestion, seek medical advice immediately and show the package leaflet or the label to the physician.

General precautions

Any unused veterinary medicinal product or waste materials derived from such veterinary medicinal products should be disposed of in accordance with local requirements. For animal treatment only. Keep out of the reach and sight of children.

Pharmaceutical precautions

This veterinary medicinal product does not require any special storage conditions.

Legal category

Legal category: POM-V

Packaging quantities

15, 42, 100 or 200 ml bottle with a tamper resistant child proof closure and a measuring syringe.

Marketing Authorisation Number

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Significant changes