MELOXICAM

(Brand Names: Metacam, Meloxidyl, and others)

STRENGTH: 0.5 mg/ml ORAL SUSPENSION, 1.5 mg/ml ORAL SUSPENSION, 7.5 mg and 15 mg TABLETS.

ROUTE OF ADMINISTRATION: ORAL. Best given with food. Should not be squirted directly in the mouth of smaller patients (under 10 lbs) if possible (best mixed in food). Shake bottle before using.

ACTION OF MEDICATION: COX-2 Preferential NSAID, used for assorted inflammatory conditions and pain management. Also has activity agains carcinoma-types of cancer.

MOST COMMON SIDE EFFECTS REPORTED: Diarrhea, vomiting, appetite loss are the most common side effects. These are usually mitigated by giving the medication with food.

SEVERE SIDE EFFECTS REPORTED: This medication has potential to ulcerate the stomach, accelerate liver disease, accelerate kidney disease.

STORAGE: Keep away from light and store at room temperature. Do not refrigerate.

IF YOU MISS A DOSE: Do not double up on the next dose. Simply give the medication when it is remembered or pick up with the next dose, allowing at least the proper interval between doses according to the label instructions.

OTHER INFORMATION: This medication has a narrow therapeutic range which means accuracy in dosing is very important to avoid toxicity. This is why the veterinary product is formulated as a liquid. Feline dosing is different from canine dosing so if this product is used in a cat be sure to dose exactly as instructed.

Monitoring tests are generally recommended with long term use of this medication.

NOTE: The dosing syringe is specially made to fit on the bottle. It is marked by the weight of the patient in pounds rather than in ml..

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