Aminocaproic Acid
(Amicar)

Common Drug Name
Aminocaproic Acid

Common Brand Names
Amicar

Generic products are available for some forms of this medication.

Storage
Store at room temperature in a tight, light resistant, childproof container. Do not freeze liquid forms.

Uses
Aminocaproic acid is used to treat degenerative myelopathies in dogs.

Dose and Administration
Always follow the dosage instructions provided by your veterinarian. If you have difficulty giving the medication, contact your veterinarian.

If you miss a dose, give it as soon as you remember. If it is almost time for the next dose, skip the one you missed and go back to the regular schedule. Do not give 2 doses at once.

This medication should only be given to the pet for whom it was prescribed.

Possible Side Effects
Potential side effects include GI irritation that could lead to vomiting or diarrhea. Consult your veterinarian if you notice any of the above side effects.

If your pet experiences an allergic reaction to the medication, signs may include facial swelling, hives, scratching, sudden onset of diarrhea, vomiting, shock, seizures, pale gums, cold limbs, or coma. If you observe any of these signs, contact your veterinarian immediately.

Precautions
Not for use in animals hypersensitive (allergic) to aminocaproic acid.

Do not use in pregnant or lactating animals (female animals nursing their young) unless the benefits outweigh the risks.

Do not use in animals with intravascular clotting problems, such as DIC.

Use with caution in animals with liver, kidney, or heart disease.

Consult with your veterinarian regarding the physical examinations and laboratory testing necessary prior to and during treatment with aminocaproic acid.

Drug, Food and Test Interactions
Notify your veterinarian of any other medications, including vitamins and supplements your pet is taking while your pet is receiving aminocaproic acid.

Consult your veterinarian before using estrogens with aminocaproic acid, since interactions may occur.

Aminocaproic acid may cause elevation of serum potassium levels.

Signs of Toxicity/Overdose
May see vomiting, diarrhea, and seizures. If you know or suspect your pet has had an overdose, or if you observe any of these signs in your pet, contact your veterinarian immediately.

Keep this and all other medications out of the reach of children and pets.