

# DOCTORS FOSTER<sup>and</sup>SMITH<sup>®</sup> PHARMACY

## Patient Information Sheet

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For questions or to consult with a pharmacist, call 1-800-447-3021 Mon-Fri from 9am-6pm CST and Sat from 9am-1pm CST. If you have an emergency situation, please contact your local veterinarian immediately.

### Amitraz Dip

(Mitaban)

**Common Drug Name**  
Amitraz Dip

**Common Brand Names**  
Mitaban

No generic products are available.

#### Storage

Store at room temperature (68-77°F) in a tight, light resistant, childproof container.

#### Uses

Amitraz dip is used in dogs for the treatment of generalized demodicosis, an infestation with the mite *Demodex canis*. It has also been used to treat mange in some other species of animals.

#### Dose and Administration

Always follow the dosage instructions provided by your veterinarian. If you have difficulty giving the treatment, contact your veterinarian.

Long and medium-haired dogs should be clipped closely prior to treatment. All dogs should be bathed with a mild soap and water and towel dried prior to treatment.

Mix the amitraz according to directions. Use a fresh mixture for each treatment.

If using around the eyes, apply protective ophthalmic ointment before treating. Completely wet the pet with the amitraz mixture. Allow the pet to air dry. Do NOT rinse or towel dry after treatment.

Dips are generally repeated every 14 days for 3-6 treatments. It will be necessary for your veterinarian to perform several skin scrapings during the course of therapy to determine how many treatments your pet will need.

Wear eye protection when using amitraz. Also protect exposed skin with rubber gloves, for example. Wash hands and arms with soap and water after treating pets.

This information may not cover all possible uses, directions, side effects, precautions, allergic reactions, drug interactions, or withdrawal times. Always consult your own veterinarian for specific advice concerning the treatment of your pet. Rev. 05/10/2010

Use in a well-ventilated area and avoid inhalation of vapors.

See the Precautions section for more information on the use of amitraz dip.

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

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

#### Possible Side Effects

The most common side effect is sedation, which may last up to 72 hours. May also see incoordination, slow heart rate, vomiting, diarrhea, and low body temperature. Consult your veterinarian if you notice any of the above side effects.

Side effects tend to be more severe in debilitated, senior, or small breed dogs.

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 amitraz.

Undiluted amitraz is flammable.

Dispose of any unused mixture by flushing down the drain. Do not re-use any mixture. Rinse the empty amitraz container with water and do not reuse.

Avoid handling pets immediately after treatment.

Do not stress animals for at least 24 hours after application.

The safety of amitraz in breeding, pregnant or lactating animals (female animals nursing their young) has not been determined.

Do not use on dogs less than 4 months of age or on the young of any other species.

Toy breeds may be more susceptible to side effects and the dosage may need to be altered.

Use with caution on animals with diabetes; amitraz may cause an elevated glucose level.

Do not use in animals with deep bacterial infections of the skin or draining tracts.

Do not use in rabbits.

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

#### Human Precautions

Human diabetics should take extreme caution when using this medication.

#### Drug, Food, and Test Interactions

Consult your veterinarian before using amitraz dip with vitamins, supplements, corticosteroids, or other immunosuppressant drugs, since interactions may occur.

#### Signs of Toxicity/Overdose

Amitraz may be toxic if swallowed. Toxic signs include weakness, depression, incoordination, vomiting, and slow heart rate. 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.*