

DOCTORS FOSTER^{and}SMITH[®] PHARMACY

Patient Information Sheet

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Buspirone

(Buspar)

Common Drug Name

Buspirone

Common Brand Names

Buspar (human form)

Generic products are available.

Storage

Refrigerate oral suspension. Store other forms in a tight, light resistant container at room temperature.

Uses

Buspirone is a human medication that reduces anxiety. It is commonly used in conjunction with behavior modification techniques for the treatment of certain behavior disorders in dogs and cats, especially those related to fear or phobias. It may also be useful for urine spraying in cats.

It may take 2-4 weeks before you see an effect.

Dose and Administration

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

May be given with or without food. Duration of treatment depends on reason for and response to treatment.

Do not stop the medication abruptly, or the anxiety or problem behaviors may return.

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

Unknown in animals. In humans, may see dizziness, headache, nausea, lack of appetite, sedation, or restlessness. May also see increased heart rate and other heart/lung disorders.

If you observe any unordinary signs in your pet, contact your veterinarian.

Cats: Cats may become more or less affectionate. Cats who are usually timid and live in multi-cat households may show aggression.

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

Do not use in animals hypersensitive (allergic) to it.

Use with caution in those pets with liver or kidney disease.

Use with caution in working dogs, as it may have some sedative effects.

Studies have not confirmed safety in pregnant or lactating animals (female animals nursing their young), or long-term use.

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

Drug, Food, and Test Interactions

Consult your veterinarian before using buspirone with vitamins, supplements, ephedrine, monoamine oxidase inhibitors (MAOIs) such as selegiline (deprenyl, Anipryl) or amitraz (an ingredient in some tick collars, in Mitaban, a treatment for mange), and flea and tick collars, since interactions may occur.

No known food interactions.

Signs of Toxicity/Overdose

May see vomiting, dizziness, drowsiness, constricting of the pupils, or a distended (enlarged) stomach.

If you know or suspect your pet has had an overdose, or if you observe any of these signs in your pet, consult your veterinarian immediately.

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