

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

## Patient Information Sheet

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## Chlorpheniramine

(Chlor-trimeton)

### Common Drug Name

Chlorpheniramine

### Common Brand Names

Chlor-trimeton

Generic products are available.

### Storage

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

### Uses

Chlorpheniramine is an antihistamine.

It is used for the treatment of allergies and atopy, primarily to stop itching in dogs and cats. (Atopy is an allergy to something that is inhaled, such as pollen or house dust; also called 'inhalant allergy'). It may also be used as a mild sedative.

### Dose and Administration

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

Duration of treatment depends on reason for and response to treatment.

Contents of sustained-release capsules may be placed on the food, but do not allow the beads to dissolve before the pet eats the food.

If using the transdermal gel, apply to the skin as directed by 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

Dogs: Side effects include sleepiness, sedation, dry mouth, vomiting, diarrhea, loss of appetite, or inability to urinate.

Cats: Side effects include sleepiness, sedation, or hyperexcitability (agitation). May also see dry mouth, vomiting, diarrhea, loss of appetite, or inability to urinate.

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 the above signs, contact your veterinarian immediately.

### Precautions

Not for use in animals hypersensitive (allergic) to it.

Use with caution in animals with hyperthyroidism, heart disease, high blood pressure, certain types of glaucoma, enlarged prostate, obstructive pulmonary (lung) disease, asthma, or obstruction of the urinary bladder (problems urinating), or obstruction of the pylorus (junction between the stomach and intestine).

The safety of this medication in pregnant and lactating animals (female animals nursing their young) has not been determined.

Do not use in working animals (military dogs, police dogs, seeing eye dogs, hearing dogs, etc.) as it may cause too much sedation.

Cats dislike the taste of this medication.

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

### Drug, Food, and Test Interactions

Consult your veterinarian before using chlorpheniramine with vitamins and supplements, other central nervous system (CNS) depressants such as barbiturates or antidepressants, oral anticoagulants (heparin, warfarin), since interactions may occur.

Discontinue use at least 4 days prior to skin allergy testing.

No known food interactions.

### Signs of Toxicity/Overdose

May cause increased sedation, coma, hyperexcitability, or seizures; severe drying of the mouth and eyes; rapid heart beat; depressed respiration; fever; inability to urinate; and low blood pressure.

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.*