

# 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.

## Clemastine

(Tavist, Antihist-1)

### Common Drug Name

Clemastine, meclastine fumarate, meclorodrin fumarate

### Common Brand Names

Tavist or Antihist-1

Generic and non-prescription products are available.

### Storage

Store at room temperature in a tight, light resistant, childproof container.

### Uses

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

### 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.

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 dry mouth, sleepiness, sedation, or hyperexcitability.

Cats: Most common side effect is 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 it.

Use with caution in animals with glaucoma, enlarged prostate, severe cardiac failure, 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.

### Drug, Food, and Test Interactions

Consult your veterinarian before using clemastine with vitamins and supplements, other central nervous system (CNS) depressant drugs such as barbiturates or antidepressants, monoamine oxidase inhibitors (MAOIs), such as furazolidine, selegiline (Anipryl), isoniazid, or amitraz (an ingredient in some tick collars, and in Mitaban, a treatment for mange), or flea and tick collars, since interactions may occur.

No known food interactions.

Discontinue use at least 7 days prior to skin allergy testing.

### Signs of Toxicity/Overdose

May cause increased sleepiness, sedation, hyperexcitability, or seizures; severe drying of the mouth and eyes; rapid heart beat; 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.*