Clorazepate dipotassium
(Tranxene)

**Common Drug Name**
Clorazepate dipotassium

**Common Brand Names**
Tranxene

Generic products are available.

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

**Uses**
Clorazepate dipotassium is an anti-convulsant, used in the treatment of seizures. It is also used to treat behavior problems in cats and dogs such as anxiety and phobias.

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

It is usually necessary to treat for the lifetime of the pet.

Record the date, time, severity, length, and circumstances of any seizure your pet has while taking clorazepate dipotassium, and provide this information to your veterinarian.

You will need a new prescription for clorazepate dipotassium from your veterinarian every 6 months.

**IMPORTANT**: Do NOT miss a dose. Missing a dose could cause a seizure. 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**
The most common side effects are sleepiness and incoordination (staggering). Consult your veterinarian if you notice any of the above side effects.

May see liver damage, which may cause loss of appetite; vomiting; depression; jaundice (yellowing of the gums, skin, or eyes); anemia, with weakness and pale gums; or low platelets, with an increased tendency to bruise or bleed. Consult your veterinarian if you notice any of these 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 clorazepate dipotassium or other drugs in the benzodiazepine class such as diazepam (Valium).

Use with extreme caution in animals who have liver disease.

Do not use in animals with narrow angle glaucoma.

Use with extreme caution in aggressive animals, as it may increase aggressive behavior, especially fear-associated aggression.

Use with caution in animals with myasthenia gravis.

Clorazepate dipotassium may cause birth defects. Do not use in breeding, pregnant, or lactating animals (female animals nursing their young).

Use with caution in working animals (military dogs, police dogs, seeing eye dogs, hearing dogs, etc.) as it may cause too much sedation.

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

**Drug, Food, and Test Interactions**
Consult your veterinarian before using clorazepate dipotassium with vitamins and supplements, cimetidine, erythromycin, or sedating drugs such as phenobarbital, narcotics, or anesthetics, phenytoin, rifampin, since interactions may occur.

May affect the blood levels of phenobarbital and phenytoin.

May affect blood tests for liver enzymes and cholesterol.

**Signs of Toxicity/Overdose**
May see increased sedation, incoordination or stumbling, confusion, decreased reflexes, or coma.

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.