

DOCTORS FOSTER^{and}SMITH[®] PHARMACY

Patient Information Sheet

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Cyproheptadine

(Periactin)

Common Drug Name

Cyproheptadine HCl

Common Brand Names

Periactin

Generic products are available.

Storage

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

Uses

Cyproheptadine is an antihistamine.

Dogs: It is used 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').

Cats: In addition to being a treatment for allergies and atopy, it is also used for the treatment of asthma and as an appetite stimulant.

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, constipation, sleepiness, sedation, or increased appetite.

Cats: Side effects include dry mouth, constipation, sleepiness, sedation, or hyperexcitability (agitation). It may stimulate the appetite, and is sometimes used for this effect.

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 liver disease, kidney disease, 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.

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

Drug, Food, and Test Interactions

Consult your veterinarian before using cyproheptadine with vitamins, supplements, other central nervous system (CNS) depressant drugs such as barbiturates or antidepressants, monoamine oxidase inhibitors (MAOIs), such as furazolidone, 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.

May increase amylase and prolactin serum levels if administered with thyrotropin-releasing hormone.

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

No known food interactions.

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.