

## Flurbiprofen Ophthalmic Preparations

(Ocufer)

### Generic Name

Flurbiprofen sodium ophthalmic

Generic products are available.

### Common Brand Names

Ocufer (human form)

### Storage

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

### Uses

Flurbiprofen is a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) used in the eye to treat inflammation of the eye. It may also be used to lessen complications of eye surgery and inhibit constriction of the pupil.

### Dose and Administration

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

If discharge is present, the area should be cleansed with a sterile eyewash solution prior to applying the ointment or solution.

Shake the solution well before using. Place one hand under and around your pet's chin and lift upward, so the pet's eyes are looking towards the ceiling. Rest your other hand, holding the bottle, on top of the pet's head. Be sure the tip of the bottle is pointed away from your pet's eye so if your pet jerks, the tip will not injure the eye. Hold the bottle about one inch from the eye. Squeeze the drops into the corner of the eye, taking care not to touch the dropper to the eye surface. Continue to hold the head back for a moment while the drops disperse over the whole eye surface.

Never touch the tip dropper to the pet's eye, lids, or eyelashes. Do not touch the inside of the cap or the dropper or tube tip with your fingers, as this will also contaminate the medication.

Always wash your hands before and after applying this medication.

If you are applying more than one medication to the eye, allow 5 minutes between applications so one medication is not washed out by the next. Be sure not to interchange the caps of the medications.

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

May increase pressure in the eye.

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 flurbiprofen or related NSAIDs.

Do not use in animals with infected corneal ulcers.

Do not use if a viral infection of the eye is present.

Use with caution in animals with hemophilia or other clotting disorders.

### Drug and Food Interactions

Notify your veterinarian of any other medications, including vitamins and supplements, your pet is taking while your pet is receiving flurbiprofen.

### Signs of Toxicity/Overdose

Rare. If you observe increased redness or discharge, squinting, signs that your pet may have trouble seeing, or any other eye-related signs, contact your veterinarian immediately.

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