

# 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.

## Gabapentin

(Neurontin)

**Common Drug Name**  
Gabapentin

**Common Brand Names**  
Neurontin

Generic products are available.

### Storage

Store capsules and tablets at room temperature in a tight, light resistant, childproof container. Oral liquid should be refrigerated.

### Uses

Gabapentin is used as an anticonvulsant and to relieve chronic pain.

### Dose and Administration

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

The dose may need to be adjusted depending upon the 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

May see drowsiness, loss of balance, swelling of the limbs, and rarely vomiting, or 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 gabapentin.

Do not use in pregnant or lactating animals (female animals nursing their young) unless the benefits outweigh the risks.

Use with caution in animals with kidney disease. The dose of gabapentin may need to be adjusted in animals with kidney disease.

Do not suddenly discontinue the use of gabapentin. Consult your veterinarian before stopping this or any other medication.

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

### Drug, Food, and Test Interactions

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

Antacids can affect gabapentin levels. Do not give antacids within 2 hours of giving gabapentin.

Consult your veterinarian before using gabapentin with narcotics such as hydrocodone or morphine, since interactions may occur.

### Signs of Toxicity/Overdose

May see reduced activity, excessive sleepiness, loss of balance, and depression.

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.*