

DOCTORS FOSTER^{and}SMITH[®] 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.

Hydrocodone with Homatropine MBr or Guaifenesin

(Hycodan, Hydromet, Tussigon, Vicodin Tuss)

Common Drug Name

Hydrocodone with homatropine MBr or guaifenesin

Generic products are available.

Common Brand Names

Hycodan, Hydromet (with homatropine MBr)
Tussigon (with homatropine MBr)
Vicodin Tuss (with guaifenesin)

Storage

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

Uses

Hydrocodone is used as a cough suppressant, generally in animals with a harsh, dry, non-productive cough. Homatropine MBr may be added to increase the drying effect on nasal and breathing passages. Guaifenesin may be added as an expectorant to loosen mucous.

Dose and Administration

Always follow the dosage instructions provided by your veterinarian.

Hydrocodone should be given with food to decrease stomach upset.

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.

If you have difficulty giving the medication, contact your veterinarian.

This medication should only be given to the pet for whom it was prescribed.

Possible Side Effects

May cause sleepiness (usually temporary), constipation, nausea, and vomiting. 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 hydrocodone or other narcotics.

Do not use in animals with diarrhea caused by a toxin-producing infection or eating something toxic.

Use with caution in older or debilitated animals, or those with hypothyroidism, kidney disease, or adrenocortical insufficiency (Addison's disease).

Use with caution in any animal with head injuries.

Use with caution in animals with pneumonia or in respiratory diseases that produce excess mucous that needs to be coughed up.

The use of hydrocodone could mask signs of diseases that cause coughing, including heartworm disease.

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 hydrocodone.

Do not use with 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). Consult your veterinarian before using other medications or tick collars along with hydrocodone.

If used with antihistamines, tranquilizers, barbiturates, and other medications that depress the central nervous system (CNS), may see excessive sleepiness or decreased respiratory rate.

If used with acepromazine in a dog with a collapsed trachea, may see low blood pressure.

Do not use guaifenesin with physostigmine.

Signs of Toxicity/Overdose

May cause excess sleepiness, and a very slow heart and respiratory rate. 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.