

# 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.

## Spinosad

(Comfortis)

### Common Drug Name

Spinosad

### Common Brand Names

Comfortis

Generic products are not available.

### Storage

Store at room temperature.

### Uses

Spinosad is used to kill fleas and is indicated for the prevention and treatment of flea infestations.

### Dose and Administration

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

Give by mouth once a month. Spinosad should be given with food for maximum effectiveness.

If vomiting occurs within one hour of administration, redose with another full dose.

If you miss a dose, give it as soon as you remember and resume giving spinosad every 30 days (once a month).

Spinosad is preferably started one month before fleas become active and should be given monthly through the end of the flea season. In areas where fleas are common year-round, monthly treatment should continue the entire year without interruption.

To minimize the likelihood of flea reinfestation, it is important to treat all animals within a household and the environment with approved flea control products.

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

### Possible Side Effects

Side effects are rare at the recommended dosage. May see vomiting, decreased appetite, lethargy, diarrhea, cough, excessive thirst, vocalization, increased appetite, redness of skin, hyperactivity or excessive salivation. 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 spinosad.

Use with caution in breeding, pregnant or lactating animals (female animals nursing their young). Spinosad enters the mother's milk. Consult your veterinarian before using spinosad in a lactating dog.

The safe use of spinosad in breeding male dogs has not been evaluated.

Do not use in dogs less than 14 weeks of age.

Use with caution in dogs with pre-existing epilepsy.

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

### 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 spinosad.

Do not use spinosad in animals that are receiving high doses of ivermectin (above the usual heartworm prevention dose), as ivermectin toxicity may occur.

### Signs of Toxicity/Overdose

Rare. May see any of the side effects listed. 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.*