Sucralfate
(Carafate)

**Generic Name**
Sucralfate

Generic products are available.

**Common Brand Names**
Carafate

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

**Uses**
Sucralfate is an antiulcer medication. It coats ulcers in the digestive system and protects them from further damage from stomach acid. It is used in the treatment of ulcers of the esophagus, stomach, or small intestine. It may prevent ulcers in animals taking aspirin or other non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDS).

**Dose and Administration**
Always follow the dosage instructions provided by your veterinarian.

Symptoms may reoccur if a dose is missed. 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.

Unless directed otherwise, give sucralfate on an empty stomach (1 hour before or 2 hours after feeding).

Unless directed otherwise, if giving tablets, it is best to crush them so the medication is better absorbed.

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 constipation. Consult your veterinarian if you notice this or any other side effect.

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 sucralfate.

Use with caution in pregnant and lactating animals (female animals nursing their young). The safety of this drug in these animals has not been determined.

Do not use in animals with constipation or slow movement of food through the digestive system (e.g. megacolon).

With long-term use, the aluminum in sucralfate may accumulate in the brain, or in the bones, causing the bones to weaken.

If there is blood in the stool or vomit, contact your veterinarian immediately, because the ulcers may be getting worse.

**Drug and Food Interactions**
Notify your veterinarian of any other medications, including vitamins and supplements, your pet is taking while your pet is receiving sucralfate.

Sucralfate can affect the absorption of many other medications. Do not give any medications within 2 hours of giving sucralfate.

**Signs of Toxicity/Overdose**
Toxicity is very rare, though constipation may occur. If you think your pet has received an overdose, contact your veterinarian immediately.

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

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Always consult your own veterinarian for specific advice concerning the treatment of your pet.