

# 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.

## Sulfadimethoxine

(Albon)

### Common Drug Name

Sulfadimethoxine

### Common Brand Names

Albon

No generic products are available

### Storage

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

### Uses

Sulfadimethoxine is approved for use in veterinary medicine to treat susceptible bacterial infections in multiple species. It is an accepted practice to use sulfadimethoxine in many species of animals with coccidial infections.

### Dose and Administration

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

Administration regimens depend on the species, and duration of therapy depends on response to treatment and reason for use.

Give by mouth. It may be given with food.

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

It is common to find sulfa crystals in the animal's urine during a urinalysis (a test on the urine), which is not a problem in animals that remain well hydrated.

Less commonly keratoconjunctivitis sicca (KCS, dry eye) has been observed in dogs with long-term use of sulfadimethoxine. Stop giving the medication and consult your veterinarian if your pet experiences discharge from the eye, redness of the eye, squinting, or other signs related to the eye.

Other less common side effects include anemia resulting in pale gums and tiredness; low platelets resulting in bleeding tendencies; fever; loss of appetite, vomiting or diarrhea; joint inflammation (arthritis) resulting in lameness; kidney damage resulting in increased thirst and urination; and skin rashes with possible sensitivity to sunlight. Stop giving the medication and consult your veterinarian if your pet experiences any of the above signs.

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 who are hypersensitive (allergic) to it or other sulfa drugs.

Not for use in pregnant or lactating animals (female animals nursing their young).

Not for use in animals with dehydration; bladder or kidney stones; or liver or kidney disease.

In long-term therapy, your veterinarian may request periodic exams to monitor tear production.

The pet should be encouraged to drink water to prevent crystals from forming in the urine.

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

### Drug, Food, and Test Interactions

Consult your veterinarian before using sulfadimethoxine with other medications, including vitamins and supplements, methotrexate, warfarin, phenylbutazone, thiazide diuretics, salicylates (aspirin), probenecid, phenytoin, and antacids since interactions may occur.

No known food interactions.

### Signs of Toxicity/Overdose

This is considered to be a very safe medication in this form, and toxicity rarely occurs. Signs of toxicity or overdose are similar to the side effects listed above, and may also include behavior changes. 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*