

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.

Ursodiol

(Actigall)

Common Drug Name

Ursodiol

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

The safety of ursodiol in pregnant or lactating animals (female animals nursing their young) has not been determined in all animal species.

Common Brand Names

Actigall

Possible Side Effects

May cause diarrhea in some animals.

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

No generic products are available.

May actually worsen liver disease in some animals. Signs may include vomiting, depression, or jaundice (yellowing of the gums, skin, or eyes).

Storage

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

Consult your veterinarian if you notice any of the above side effects.

Drug, Food, and Test Interactions

Consult your veterinarian before using ursodiol with any other medications, including vitamins and supplements, aluminum-containing antacids, or acetaminophen (Tylenol), since interactions may occur.

Uses

Ursodiol is a bile acid used to treat certain liver and gallbladder diseases in dogs and cats. It may also be used to help remove gallstones that contain cholesterol.

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.

Signs of Toxicity/Overdose

An overdose generally results in diarrhea. If you know or suspect your pet has had an overdose, or if you observe this or any unusual sign in your pet, contact your veterinarian immediately.

Dose and Administration

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

Precautions

Not for use in animals hypersensitive (allergic) to ursodiol or other bile acid-like drugs.

Unless instructed otherwise by your veterinarian, give the medication with food.

Do not use ursodiol in rabbits, guinea pigs, or other animals with similar digestive systems. It could cause fatal liver disease.

Ursodiol will dissolve faster if 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.

Ursodiol should be used with caution in animals with complications of gallstones, such as pancreatitis, bile duct obstruction, or inflammation of the gallbladder or bile ducts (cholecystitis and cholangitis).

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