Ursodiol
(Actigall)

Common Drug Name
Ursodiol

Common Brand Names
Actigall

No generic products are available.

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

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.

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

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

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.

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

Possible Side Effects
May cause diarrhea in some animals.

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

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 ursodiol or other bile acid-like drugs.

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

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).

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

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

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.

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.

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

This information may not cover all possible uses, directions, side effects, precautions, allergic reactions, drug interactions, or withdrawal times. Rev. 9/14/2007
Always consult your own veterinarian for specific advice concerning the treatment of your pet.