

# DOCTORS FOSTER<sup>and</sup>SMITH<sup>®</sup> PHARMACY

## Patient Information Sheet

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## Maropitant citrate

(Cerenia)

### Common Drug Name

Maropitant citrate

### Common Brand Names

Cerenia

Generic products are not available.

### Storage

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

### Uses

Maropitant citrate is used for the prevention of acute vomiting and the prevention of vomiting due to motion sickness in dogs.

### Dose and Administration

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

This medication is for oral use in dogs only.

Dogs should not be fed 1 hour prior to giving maropitant citrate. Give maropitant citrate 2 hours prior to travel. To prevent GI irritation, wrap or coat the oral medication with peanut butter, deli slices or spreadable cheese. The manufacturer recommends that you do NOT use hot dogs, sausage or pill pockets.

Maropitant citrate can be given once a day for up to 2 days in a row.

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

### Possible Side Effects

Potential side effects are rare, but include drooling, lethargy, drowsiness, lack of appetite and diarrhea. Consult your veterinarian if you notice any of the above side effects.

A few dogs may vomit after taking the medicine. Giving the medication with a small amount of food will help avoid this. Do not wrap the tablet tightly in the food or the tablet may not dissolve properly. Do not give with fatty foods such as hard cheese or meat, since this may keep the tablets from dissolving.

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 maropitant citrate.

The safety of this medication in pregnant and lactating dogs (female dogs nursing their young), dogs with gastrointestinal obstruction, or dogs that have ingested toxins has not been determined.

Use with caution in dogs with liver problems.

Not recommended for dogs less than 16 weeks of age.

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

### Human Precautions

Not for use in humans. Keep out of the reach of children. In case of accidental ingestion, seek medical advice. Topical exposure may produce localized allergic skin reactions in some individuals. Repeated or prolonged exposure may lead to skin sensitization. Wash hands with soap and water after administering medication. Maropitant is an eye irritant. In case of accidental eye exposure, flush with water for 15 minutes and seek medical attention.

### 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 maropitant citrate.

Consult your veterinarian before using maropitant citrate with NSAIDs, cardiac, anticonvulsant and behavioral medications since interactions may occur.

### Signs of Toxicity/Overdose

May see diarrhea, bloody stool, loss of appetite, or lethargy. 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.*