

Veterinary Pharmaceutical Data Sheet
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Pharmaceutical: Carprofen (Carpaquin™, Carprieve™, Norocarp®, Novox®, quellin™, Rimadyl®, Rovera®, TruProfen™, Vetprofen®)

- General

WHAT IS THIS DRUG USED FOR? Labeled for the relief of pain and inflammation associated with osteoarthritis and for the control of postoperative pain associated with soft tissue and orthopedic surgeries in dogs. There is an injectable form that may have been used in the hospital and dogs are sent home on the oral form if using post op. For arthritis, the injectable form is not necessarily given to start.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO KNOW ABOUT MEDICATION USED IN VETERINARY PATIENTS: Precaution is used with any medication. All medications, even aspirin can have serious side effects. Although there are some animal specific drugs, many drugs used in animals are US. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) human approved drugs that have not been labeled for use in animals. 'Extra label' use in veterinary medicine is allowed by the FDA when necessary. Many of the side effects listed are rare but the potential benefit from a drug must be weighed against the information known about the risk from its use. Your veterinarian has the best interest of your animal in mind and will help you make an informed decision about their treatment.

HOW SHOULD THIS MEDICATION BE HANDLED AND STORED? Although there are no known adverse effects to pregnant women, women who may become pregnant or nursing women, all medication should be handled with caution. If possible, another person should administer medication to the pet. Gloves should be worn and hands should be washed after administration. Store the medication in the originally prescribed container away from children and pets and follow label directions closely for dosing and storage details. If a product has been compounded into a liquid formulation, it may require refrigeration and should be shaken before use. Clarify these details with your veterinarian or pharmacist.

HOW SHOULD THIS MEDICATION BE GIVEN? May be given with or without food. Giving with food can minimize GI side effects. Follow directions carefully. Do not exceed dosage or frequency.

If a dose is missed, do not 'double up' or give an extra dose. Just begin when remembered and resume previously prescribed dosing interval. The veterinary version of these products are formulated to be palatable to pets. This can increase the likelihood for inadvertent overdose of the medication if the container is not stored with this in mind.

WHAT SHOULD MY VETERINARIAN KNOW ABOUT MY ANIMAL BEFORE GIVING THIS MEDICATION? Inform them if your animal has or has had any health issues, is pregnant, has been treated for the same disease previously or has had any medication side effects (loss of appetite, vomiting, diarrhea or skin issues) in the past. It should not be used in patients with known sensitivity to this type of drug-non steroidal anti inflammatory drug. Dogs with bleeding disorders, GI ulcers, liver disease or pre existing kidney impairment may be at a greater risk for serious side effects. Use only when benefit outweighs the risk during pregnancy as safety studies have not been done. It is recommended to give the lowest effective dose as infrequently as is necessary to control pain.

WHEN WILL THIS START TO WORK AND HOW LONG WILL ITS EFFECTS LAST? Onset of effect is typically within a few hours of the dose although it may take a few doses to see improvement in your pet's condition. This drug is usually eliminated from the body after a day or so. Individual and species variations exist and dose, route given, age and liver or kidney disease can impact this time frame.

WHAT ARE POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS? Always try to start any medication when you will be able to observe any unusual signs or effects. GI effects are the most common side effect-nausea, loss of appetite, vomiting, soft stool or diarrhea. Stomach ulceration has been reported. The following reactions have rarely been reported - Sedation, lethargy, hyperactivity, restlessness, aggression, itchiness, hair loss, skin reactions, hives, redness of skin, low albumen, increased water consumption and urination, neurologic signs, seizures and balance disorders. Liver damage, jaundice and/or kidney disease can occur and dogs with pre existing conditions and geriatric dogs seem to be at greater risk. Serious blood changes such as immune mediated hemolytic anemia and low platelet count have also been reported. If any reaction becomes severe it may result in the death of the animal. Notify your veterinarian if your animal's condition does not improve or worsens despite this treatment. Bloodwork is recommended to assess the general health of the patient prior to starting this drug and periodic bloodwork to monitor this drug's effect on the body is advised if long term therapy is required.

APPROVED SPECIES: The use of this medication in animals other than dogs is considered extra label as there is no product available for other species.

TELL YOUR VETERINARIAN ABOUT ANY OTHER TREATMENTS YOU ARE GIVING: If your animal is being given any other medication, including over the counter non prescription (vitamins, supplements, or herbal) products, please discuss this with your veterinarian as interactions may occur. Specifically for this drug, the use of steroids - PredniSONE, cortisone or other non-steroid anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) such as aspirin, carprofen and meloxicam can result in serious interactions. If your pet is being prescribed this medication after having been on another medication with similar side effects such as a steroid or another NSAID, a 3 day washout period is advised. Discuss with your veterinarian.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF MY ANIMAL GETS TOO MUCH OF THIS MEDICATION? Keep all drugs out of the reach of pets and stored away from human prescriptions. Overdose of any medication can have serious adverse effects. In case of accidental ingestion or overdose, contact your veterinarian or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at (888) 426-4435 immediately. Keep all drugs out of the reach of children and stored away from human prescriptions. In case of accidental exposure contact your health professional immediately.

This information sheet is to help you give the medication to your animal safely and effectively. It does not contain all the available information for this drug. If you have any other questions or need additional information, contact your veterinarian or pharmacist.

- Small Animal

- Cat

CAUTION: Not approved for use in cats and risk for side effects may be high.

WASHOUT PERIOD: The suggested wash out period (estimated time for elimination from the body) for this drug is 3 days when using other drugs with similar adverse effect profile - ie. NSAIDS, corticosteroids.