



The SmartPak™ Pharmacy Dog & Cat Product Information Sheet

Metacam® Oral Suspension

Common Drug Name – Meloxicam

How Supplied by SmartPak – Metacam is available in 1.5mg/ml oral suspension in 32 and 100ml dropper bottles as well as a 0.5mg/ml oral suspension in a 15ml dropper bottle. Both come with a measuring syringe.

Category – Meloxicam is a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) of the oxicam class.

Caution - Federal law restricts this drug to use by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian.

Indications (Uses) – For the control of pain and inflammation associated with osteoarthritis in dogs.

Dosage and Administration – Metacam should be administered initially at 0.09 mg/lb body weight only on the first day of treatment. For all treatments after day 1, Metacam should be administered once daily at a dose of 0.045mg/lb. Shake well before use, then remove cap. Replace and tighten cap after use.

Dogs under 10 pounds (4.5kg): To prevent accidental overdosing of small dogs, administer drops on food only, never directly into the mouth. Carefully measure suspension onto food to assure that the correct dose is given before presentation of the food to dog. The syringe provided with the meloxicam concentration of 0.5mg/ml cannot be used to measure doses for dogs weighing less than 11lb, and the syringe provided with the meloxicam concentration of 1.5mg/ml cannot be used to measure doses for dogs weighing less than 5lbs.

Metacam 0.5mg/ml Oral Suspension: For dogs less than 11lb, Metacam can be given using the dropper bottle: two drops for each

pound of body weight for the 0.5mg/ml concentration (five drops for each kg of body weight), dropped directly onto the food. For dogs between 1 – 10lbs, Metacam can be given by drops or by using the measuring syringe provided in the package. The syringe fits onto the bottle and has a scale beginning at 1lb, designed to deliver the daily maintenance dose (0.05mg/lb). When using the syringe, the dog's weight should be rounded down to the nearest 1 pound increment.

Metacam 1.5mg/ml Oral Suspension: For dogs less than 5lbs, Metacam can be given using the dropper bottle: one drop for each pound of body weight for the 1.5mg/ml concentration (two drops for each kg of body weight), dropped directly onto the food. For dogs between 5 – 10lbs, Metacam can be given by drops or by using the measuring syringe provided in the package. The syringe fits on to the bottle and has a scale beginning at 5lbs, designed to deliver the daily maintenance dose (0.05mg/lb). When using the syringe, the dog's weight should be rounded down to the nearest 5lb increment. For dogs over 10lbs, Metacam may be either mixed with food or placed directly into the mouth. Particular care should be given with regard to the accuracy of dosing. Metacam can be given using the measuring syringe provided in the package. The syringe fits on to the bottle and has a scale in pounds designed to deliver the daily maintenance dose (0.05mg/lb). When using the syringe, the dog's weight should be rounded down to the nearest 1lb increment for Metacam 0.5mg/ml Oral Suspension, or the nearest 5lb increment for Metacam 1.5mg/ml Oral Suspension. Alternatively, Metacam can be given using the dropper bottle: two drops for each pound of body weight for the 0.5mg/ml concentration (five drops for each kg of body weight), or one

drop for each pound of body weight for the 1.5mg/ml concentration (two drops for each kg of body weight).

Step 1. Shake bottle well. Push down and unscrew bottle top. Attach the dosing syringe to the bottle by gently pushing the end onto the top of the bottle.

Step 2. Turn the bottle/syringe upside down. Pull the plunger out until the black line on the plunger corresponds to the dog's body weight in pounds.

Step 3. Turn the bottle right way up and with a twisting movement separate the dosing syringe from the bottle.

Step 4. Push the plunger to empty the contents of the syringe.

Contraindications – Dogs with known hypersensitivity to Meloxicam should not receive Metacam. Do not use in cats.

Human Warnings – Not for human use. Keep out of reach of children. Consult a physician in case of accidental ingestion.

Warnings – For oral use in dogs only. As with any NSAID all dogs should undergo a thorough history and physical examination before the initiation of NSAID therapy. Appropriate laboratory testing to establish hematological and serum biochemical baseline data is recommended prior to and periodically during administration. Owners should observe their dogs for signs of potential drug toxicity.

Precautions – The safe use of Metacam in dogs younger than 6 months of age, dogs used for breeding, or in pregnant or lactating dogs has not been evaluated. Metacam is not recommended for use in dogs with bleeding disorders, as safety has not been established in dogs with these disorders. As a class, cyclooxygenase inhibitory NSAIDs may be associated with GI, renal and hepatic toxicity. Sensitivity to drug-associated adverse events varies with the individual patient. Dogs that have experienced adverse reactions from one NSAID may experience adverse reactions from another NSAID. Patients at greatest risk for renal toxicity are

those that are dehydrated, on concomitant diuretic therapy, or those with existing renal, cardiovascular, and/or hepatic dysfunction. Concurrent administration of potentially nephrotoxic drugs should be carefully approached. NSAIDs may inhibit the prostaglandins that maintain normal homeostatic function. Such anti-prostaglandin effects may result in clinically significant disease in patients with underlying or pre-existing disease that has not been previously diagnosed. Since NSAIDs possess the potential to induce GI ulcerations and/or perforations, concomitant use with other anti-inflammatory drugs, such as NSAIDs or corticosteroids, should be avoided. If additional pain medication is needed after administration of the total daily dose of Metacam, a non-NSAID or non-corticosteroid class of analgesia should be considered. The use of another NSAID is not recommended. Consider appropriate washout times when switching from corticosteroid use or from one NSAID to another in dogs.

Adverse Reactions (Side Effects) – Meloxicam, like other NSAIDs, is not free from adverse reactions. Adverse reactions may include vomiting, diarrhea, lethargy, decreased appetite and behavioral changes. Owners should contact their veterinarian immediately if possible adverse reactions are observed, and discontinue Metacam therapy. In rare situations, death has been reported as an outcome of adverse events. Renal failure has been reported as an outcome of repeated oral dosing of cats.

Storage Conditions: Store at controlled room temperatures 59 - 86F.

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