



## The SmartPak™ Pharmacy Dog and Cat Product Information Sheet

### Previcox™ Chewable Tablets

**Common Drug Name** – Firocoxib

**How Supplied by SmartPak-** Previcox is available in 57mg and 227mg strength tablets, supplied in 30 count blister packages and 60 count bottles.

**Category** –Previcox belongs to the coxib class of non-narcotic, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAID).

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

**Indications (Uses)** – Previcox is for the control of pain and inflammation associated with osteoarthritis in dogs.

**Dosage and Administration** – The recommended dosage of Previcox for oral administration in dogs is 2.27mg/lb body weight once daily, with or without food.

**Contraindications** – Dogs with hypersensitivity to firocoxib or other NSAIDs should not receive Previcox.

**Human Warning** – Not for human use. Keep out of reach of children. Consult a physician in case of accidental ingestion by humans.

**Warnings** –For oral use in dogs only. Use of this product at doses above the recommended 2.27mg/lb in puppies less than 7 months of age has been associated with serious adverse reactions, including death. All dogs should undergo a thorough history and physical examination before the initiation of NSAID therapy. Appropriate laboratory testing to establish hematological and serum baseline data is recommended

prior to and periodically during administration of any NSAID.

**Precautions** –This product cannot be dosed accurately in dogs less than 7lbs body weight. Consider appropriate washout times when switching from one NSAID to another. As a class, cyclooxygenase inhibitory NSAIDs may be associated with renal and GI toxicity. Sensitivity to drug-associated adverse events varies with the individual patient. 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 antiprostaglandin effects may result in clinically significant disease in patients with underlying or pre-existing disease that has not been previously diagnosed. Since many NSAIDs possess the potential to produce GI ulcerations, concomitant use with other anti-inflammatory drugs, such as NSAIDs or corticosteroids, should be avoided or closely monitored. The safe use of Previcox in pregnant, lactating or breeding dogs has not been evaluated.

**Adverse Reactions (Side Effects)** – The most common adverse reactions observed in controlled field studies with Previcox were vomiting and decreased appetite.

**Storage Conditions:** Store at room temperature between 59 and 86F. Brief periods up to 104F are permitted.

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