

TECHNICAL NOTES

Wagg & Purr®

Meloxicam Anti-Inflammatory Injectable for Dogs and Cats



Active Constituents

Meloxicam 5 mg/mL

Actions

Meloxicam is a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory (NSAID) compound of the oxim class, which acts by inhibition of prostaglandin synthesis, thereby exerting anti-inflammatory, antiexudative, analgesic and antipyretic effects. It reduces leukocyte infiltration into the inflamed tissue.

Indications for Dogs

Wagg & Purr® Meloxicam Injectable is for the:

- alleviation of inflammation and pain in both acute and chronic musculoskeletal disorders.
- reduction of post-operative pain and inflammation following orthopaedic and soft tissue surgery.

Indications for Cats

Wagg & Purr® Meloxicam Injectable is for the:

- reduction of pain after surgery.
- management of febrile conditions in combination with appropriate antibiotics.

Contraindications

This product is contraindicated for use in pregnant or lactating animals.

This product is contraindicated for use in animals less than 6 weeks of age.

This product is contraindicated for use in animals suffering from gastrointestinal disorders such as irritation and haemorrhage, impaired hepatic, cardiac or renal function and haemorrhagic disorders, or where there is evidence of individual hypersensitivity to the product.

Precautions

Safety trials have demonstrated that meloxicam, when administered subcutaneously at 0.3 mg/kg at 24-hour intervals for 3 consecutive days in cats, resulted in no side effects in trial animals. Use with caution if the product is administered for more than 3 days in cats.

Other NSAIDs, diuretics, anticoagulants, aminoglycoside antibiotics and substances with high protein binding may compete for binding and thus lead to toxic effects. This product must not be administered in conjunction with other NSAIDs or glucocorticosteroids. Concurrent administration of potential nephrotoxic drugs should be avoided.

Pre-treatment with other anti-inflammatory drugs prior to the use of this product may result in additional or increased adverse effects and accordingly a treatment-free period with such drugs should be observed for at least 24 hours before commencement with Wagg & Purr® Meloxicam Anti-Inflammatory Injectable for Dogs and Cats.

The treatment-free period, however, should take into account the pharmacokinetic properties of the drugs previously used.

The use of this product in debilitated aged animals may involve additional risk. If use in such animals cannot be avoided careful clinical management may be required.

Hypovolaemia or hypotension should be corrected prior to use of the product.

Side Effects

Parenteral administration of Wagg & Purr® Meloxicam Anti-Inflammatory Injectable for Dogs and Cats is well tolerated without local adverse reactions. Typical adverse reactions of NSAIDs such as loss of appetite, vomiting, diarrhoea, faecal occult blood, lethargy and renal failure have occasionally been reported. In very rare cases elevated liver enzymes have been reported.

In very rare cases, haemorrhagic diarrhoea, haematemesis and gastrointestinal ulceration have been reported. These side effects generally occur within the first treatment week and are in most cases transient and disappear following termination of the treatment but in very rare cases may be serious or fatal.

In very rare cases anaphylactoid reactions may occur and should be treated symptomatically.

If adverse reactions occur, treatment should be discontinued, and the advice of a veterinarian should be sought.

In case of overdosing, symptomatic treatment should be initiated.

Dosage & Administration

Use the contents within 28 days of first broaching of the vial. Discard the unused portion.

Dosage & Administration for Dogs

Musculoskeletal disorders:

Administer a single subcutaneous injection at a dosage of 0.2 mg meloxicam/kg bodyweight (i.e., 0.4 mL/10 kg bodyweight). Wagg & Purr® Meloxicam Dog Oral Suspension should be used for continuation of treatment at a dosage of 0.1 mg meloxicam/kg bodyweight, 24 hours after administration of the injection.

Reduction of post-operative pain:

Administer a single intravenous or subcutaneous injection at a dosage of 0.2 mg meloxicam/kg bodyweight (i.e., 0.4 mL/10 kg bodyweight) before surgery, for example at the time of induction of anaesthesia.

Dosage & Administration for Cats

Reduction of post-operative pain:

Administer a single subcutaneous injection at a dosage of 0.3 mg meloxicam/kg bodyweight (ie. 0.06 mL/kg bodyweight) directly prior to induction of anaesthesia.

Management of febrile conditions:

Administer a single subcutaneous injection at a dosage of 0.3 mg meloxicam/kg bodyweight (ie. 0.06 mL/kg bodyweight).

Safety Data Sheet

For Safety Data Sheet see www.avet.health

First Aid

If poisoning occurs, contact a doctor or Poisons Information Centre. Phone Australia 13 11 26.

Presentation

Clear yellow solution containing 5 mg meloxicam per mL (and 150 mg of ethanol as preservative) in a 20 mL glass multidose vial.

Disposal

Dispose of container by wrapping in paper and putting in garbage.

Storage

Store below 25°C (air conditioning).

Poisons Schedule

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