



Hyoscyamine

OTHER NAMES: Levsin®, Anaspaz®, Levbid®, HyoMax®

USE: Hyoscyamine is used for the treatment of abnormally slow heart rhythms, diarrhea, and to manage some forms of urinary incontinence.

ADMINISTRATION & DOSING

The FDA has approved this drug for use in humans, but it is not officially approved for use in animals. The FDA allows veterinarians to prescribe and use human products containing this drug in animals in certain situations. You and your veterinarian can discuss why this drug is the most appropriate choice.

Please check your pet's medication label for specific dosing instructions.

- It can be given with food or on an empty stomach.
- Please tell your veterinarian about all other medications and supplements your pet may be receiving, as there can be adverse interactions.
- This medication should start working in 1- 2 hours. Its effects are short-lived, meaning they will stop working within 24 hours, although the benefits may be prolonged if your animal has decreased kidney and/or liver function.
- Please allow access to clean water at all times.
- The duration of therapy is variable, but often it is used lifelong.
- This drug should not be administered in patients who have had a severe reaction to it or other related medications (atropine or glycopyrrolate), have an intestinal or urinary blockage, have severe gastrointestinal disease, or have glaucoma. It should be administered cautiously in animals with kidney disease, certain heart diseases, myasthenia gravis, or constipation/trouble urinating.

SIDE EFFECTS

Side effects are more common with this medication.

Side effects that are typically not serious:

- Faster heart rate
- Dry mouth or dry eyes
- Straining to urinate
- Constipation
- Decreased appetite or vomiting

Contact your veterinarian if any signs are severe, worsen, or remain problematic.

Rare, but serious side effects:

- Behavior changes (low energy to overly excited)
- Seizures
- Fainting/collapse

If you see any of these signs, immediately contact your veterinarian or an emergency veterinary hospital.

WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF ADMINISTERING TOO MUCH MEDICATION (OVERDOSE)

If you witness or suspect an overdose, contact your veterinarian, a local emergency hospital, or an animal poison control center for further advice. Animal poison control centers open 24 hours a day, including the **Pet Poison HELPLINE (855-764-7661)** and **ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center (888-426-4435)**; a consultation fee is charged for these services.

WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF A MISSED DOSE

If you miss a dose, give it when you remember, but if it is within 1-2 hours of the next dose, skip it and give it at the next scheduled time. After that, return to the regular dosing schedule. Do not double up or give extra doses.

MEDICATION STORAGE & HANDLING

- Store this medication in the original prescription bottle or an approved dosage reminder container at room temperature and protected from light.
- If your veterinarian or pharmacist has prepared (compounded) a special formulation for your animal, follow the product's storage recommendations and expiration date.
- Keep away from children and other animals.
- No specific precautions are required when handling this medication unless you are allergic to it.
- Wash your hands after handling any medication.
- Do not flush this medication down the toilet or wash it down the sink. If a community drug "take-back" program is available, use this option. If there is no take-back program, mix the drug with coffee grounds or cat litter (to make it undesirable to children and animals and unrecognizable to people who might go through your trash), place the mixture in a sealable plastic bag to keep it from leaking out, and throw the bag out with the regular trash.
- Do not save leftover medication for future use or give it to others to use.