



Maropitant

OTHER NAMES: Cerenia®

USE: Cerenia is used to treat or prevent severe vomiting, nausea, and motion sickness in animals.

ADMINISTRATION & DOSING

The FDA has approved this drug for the prevention of acute vomiting and vomiting associated with motion sickness in dogs 8 weeks of age and older. It is also approved for treating vomiting in cats 16 weeks or older (injectable form).

The FDA does allow veterinarians to prescribe and use products containing this drug in animal species 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.

- This medication is available in tablet and injectable formulations.
- The oral tablet formulation can be given with food or on an empty stomach. If used to prevent motion sickness, give this drug with a small amount of food 2 hours before travel.
- Do not wrap these pills tightly in food snacks, as this may cause the medication not to work.
- If your veterinarian has instructed you to give this medication by injection under the skin (subcutaneously), be sure you understand the proper places and techniques for doing so. Please also ensure you know how to handle and dispose of the syringes and needles.
- This medication should start working within 1 to 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.
- The duration of therapy is variable.
- This medication should not be used in puppies younger than 8 weeks old, those with an intestinal blockage, or those who have ingested an unknown toxin. It should also be used cautiously in pregnant or nursing animals or animals with severe liver disease.

SIDE EFFECTS

This medication is generally well-tolerated.

Side effects that are typically not serious:

- Diarrhea, decreased appetite, or vomiting
- Trembling
- Sleepiness or sedation
- When injected, brief pain or swelling can be observed

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

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 and then wait the time between doses recommended by your veterinarian before giving another dose. 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.