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MELOXICAM
(Metacam or Rheumocam)

Why is meloxicam prescribed?

Meloxicam is a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory agent used to relieve pain and inflammation in dogs. It is indicated for the treatment of osteoarthritis in dogs. Meloxicam is licensed for short term use in cats for pain and inflammatory conditions. It is frequently used postoperatively.

How do I give this medication?

- Give this medication to your pet as directed. **READ THE LABEL CAREFULLY.**
- Try to give this medication at about the same time each day.
- **DO NOT** give the pet more medicine than directed and do not give more often than directed. Once daily dosing only. If a dose is missed do not double up the dose skip until the next dose is due.



How do I store this medicine?

- Keep this medicine out of reach of children.
- Store this medicine in a cool, dry place at room temperature. Store away from heat and direct sunlight. Do not store in damp areas such as the bathroom or near kitchen sink.

What are the potential side effects?

- Vomiting or diarrhea - discontinue the medication and discuss with your Veterinarian.
- Black soft stool in particular warrants discontinuation of medication and examination.
- Other side effects may occur. If you notice anything unusual, contact your veterinarian.

Are there any possible drug interactions?

- Make sure to tell your veterinarian what other medication you are giving to your pet.
- The following drugs can potentially interact with meloxicam: oral anticoagulants, heparin, other anti-inflammatory agents, salicylates, corticosteroids, and ACE inhibitors.
- Contact your veterinarian if your pet experiences any unusual reactions when different medications are given together.