

Ciprofloxacin

(Cipro®)

Common Drug Name

Ciprofloxacin

Common Brand Names

Cipro®

No generic products are available.

Storage

Store in a tight, light resistant, childproof container between 40-86°F.

Uses

Ciprofloxacin is an antibiotic of the quinolone class used to treat susceptible bacterial infections in multiple animal species.

Dose and Administration

Always follow the dosage instructions provided by your veterinarian. If you have difficulty giving the medication, contact your veterinarian.

Use all of the medication prescribed. If the entire course of treatment is not given, the infection may recur or worsen.

If you miss a dose, give it as soon as you remember. If it is almost time for the next dose, skip the one you missed and go back to the regular schedule. Do not give 2 doses at once.

This medication should only be given to the pet for whom it was prescribed.

Possible Side Effects

May see lack of appetite and vomiting. Central nervous system (CNS) disorders, such as epilepsy or dizziness could potentially occur. If you observe any of these signs, contact your veterinarian.

If your pet experiences an allergic reaction to the medication, signs may include facial swelling, hives, scratching, sudden onset of diarrhea, vomiting, shock, seizures, pale gums, cold limbs, or coma. If you observe any of these signs, contact your veterinarian immediately.

Precautions

Do not use in animals hypersensitive (allergic) to it or other quinolone antibiotics and/or sulfonamides.

Do not use in breeding animals or pregnant or lactating animals (female animals nursing their young).

May cause problems in the development of bones/joints of young growing animals, including large breeds of dogs under 24 months. Only use in growing animals, if under the supervision of a veterinarian.

Do not use in animals with central nervous system (CNS) disorders, such as epilepsy, as it could possibly cause seizures.

Use with caution in pets with liver or kidney disease.

In pets taking ciprofloxacin, dehydration increases the risk of crystals developing in the urine. Make sure your pet has access to clean drinking water while taking this medication.

Human Precautions

People with hypersensitivities (allergies) to quinolone antibiotics, such as ciprofloxacin or norfloxacin, should not handle the medication, since a photosensitivity reaction could occur just from contact.

Drug, Food, and Test Interactions

Consult your veterinarian before using ciprofloxacin with vitamins and supplements, probenecid, and oral cyclosporine, within 2 hours of giving antacids, sucralfate, iron, aluminum, calcium, or dairy products, since interactions may occur.

May cause increased theophylline blood levels.

Signs of Toxicity/Overdose

May see lack of appetite, vomiting, dizziness, or seizures.

If you know or suspect your pet has had an overdose, or if you observe any of these signs in your pet, contact your veterinarian immediately.

Keep this and all other medications out of the reach of children and pets.