
FUROSEMIDE TABLETS B.P. (Vet.) 20mg
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Tablets containing the stated amount of Furosemide. The tablets are white, circular with bevelled edges and a break-line. The 20mg tablets are flat faced and are embossed 'F20'. The 40mg tablets are bi-convex and embossed 'F40'. Both strengths are embossed 'CP' on the reverse.

Uses:

Furosemide tablets B.P. (Vet.) 20mg and 40mg are for use in cats and dogs only. It is a potent 'loop' diuretic. So called because it acts primarily by inhibiting electrolyte absorption in the loop of Henlé. It has a rapid onset of action, normally within 1 hour of administration, but a relatively short duration of activity of approximately 4 hours. These characteristics mean that dosing can be timed within the day, to allow consequent passage of water at socially convenient times.

Furosemide Tablets B.P. (Vet.) are used in the treatment of oedema. Conditions suitable for treatment include ascites, hydrothorax, pulmonary oedema and oedema of the mammary gland or of the legs, as well as oedema resulting from cardiac insufficiency, hepatic or renal dysfunction, parasitism or of a traumatic origin. Combined therapy with other medicinal products may be indicated.

Dosage:

For oral administration only. 5mg per Kilogram bodyweight, one to two times daily.

Diuresis occurs within one hour and is normally complete within six hours. Dosing at an interval of at least six hours (and up to ten hours) allows for twice daily dosing, usually without the need for excess urine to be passed during the night. Not to be used in cats or dogs weighing less than 4 kg in bodyweight

Contra-indications, warnings, etc:

Do not use in acute glomerula nephritis, in electrolyte deficiency diseases, in patients with anuria, or patients that have received excessive doses of cardiac glycosides.

Do not use concurrently with aminoglycoside antibiotics or corticosteroids.

Allergic reactions have been associated with use with sulphonamides.

For patients weighing less than 8Kg, dosage with the 20mg tablet (which may be halved) is recommended.

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Patients may increase their water intake to compensate for the diuresis. Consideration should be given to restricting water intake if the animal's condition permits.

Doses higher than that which is recommended may cause transitory deafness. Monitoring of plasma potassium levels is advisable during periods of prolonged treatment of combined therapy with cardiac glycosides. Potassium supplements may be necessary. Furosemide tablets B.P. (Vet.) may be used in pregnant or lactating animals.

Wear gloves during, or wash your hands immediately after, handling the tablets.

Pharmaceutical precautions:

Do not store above 25°C. Protect from light. Keep out of reach of children.

Legal category: POM-V

Package quantities: 20mg tablets in 500's.
40mg tablets in 1,000's.

Further information: Nil.

Marketing authorisation numbers:

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