

1. NAME FORM AND STRENGTH OF THE VETERINARY MEDICINE

Loxicom 1.5 mg/ml Veterinary, oral suspension

2. ACTIVE INGREDIENTS

Each ml Contains:

Meloxicam 1.5 mg

Also contains:

Sodium Benzoate 1.5 mg

For a full list of excipients, see section 12 "further information".

3. Indications for use

Dogs: Alleviation of inflammation and pain in both acute and chronic musculo-skeletal disorders.

Therapeutic Group: NSAID's

4. Contraindications

Do not use in pregnant or lactating animals. Do not use in animals suffering from gastrointestinal disorders such as irritation and haemorrhage, impaired hepatic, cardiac or renal function and haemorrhagic disorders.

Do not use in case of hypersensitivity to the active substance or to any of the excipients. Do not use in dogs less than 6 weeks of age.

5. Adverse reactions

Typical adverse reactions of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) such as loss of appetite, vomiting, diarrhoea, faecal occult blood, apathy and renal failure have occasionally been reported. In very rare cases, haemorrhagic diarrhoea, haematemesis, gastrointestinal ulceration and elevated liver enzymes have been reported. These adverse reactions occur generally within the first treatment week and are in most cases transient and disappear following termination of the treatment but in very rare cases may be serious or fatal. If you notice any serious effects or other effects not mentioned in this leaflet, please inform your veterinary surgeon.

Side effects can be reported to the Ministry of Health by clicking on the link "Reporting adverse events due to drug treatment" found on the home page of the Ministry of Health website (www.health.gov.il) which refers to the online form for reporting adverse events, or by entering the link: <https://sideeffects.health.gov.il>

6. Target Species: Dogs

7. Amounts to be administered and administration route

Oral use. To be administered with food or directly into the mouth. Shake well before use. The suspension is given using the Loxicom measuring syringes provided in the package. The syringes fit onto the bottle and have a kg-bodyweight scale which corresponds to the maintenance dose (i.e. 0.1 mg meloxicam/kg bodyweight). Thus for the first day, twice the maintenance volume will be required. Alternatively therapy may be initiated with Loxicom 5 mg/ml solution for injection.

Dosage:

Initial treatment is a single dose of 0.2 mg meloxicam/kg bodyweight (i.e. 1.33 ml/10 kg bodyweight) on the first day. Treatment is to be continued once daily by oral administration (at 24 hour intervals) at a maintenance dose of 0.1 mg meloxicam/kg bodyweight (i.e. 0.667 ml/10 kg bodyweight). The treatment duration depends on the observed clinical response. For longer term treatment the dose can be adjusted to the lowest effective individual dose reflecting the degree of pain and inflammation.

A clinical response is normally seen within 3-4 days.

Treatment should be discontinued after 10 days at the latest if no clinical improvement is apparent. Avoid introduction of contamination during use.

Particular care should be taken with regard to the accuracy of dosing.

Carefully follow the instructions of the veterinarian.

8. Withdrawal period: Not applicable.

9. Special warnings and precautions for use:

• Special precautions for use in animals:

If adverse reactions occur, treatment should be discontinued and the advice of a veterinarian should be sought. Avoid use in any dehydrated, hypovolaemic or hypotensive animal, as there is a potential risk of renal toxicity. This product for dogs should not be used in cats as it is not suitable for use in this species. In cats, Loxicom 0.5 mg/ml Veterinary oral suspension should be used.

• Special precautions to be taken by the person administering the veterinary medicinal product to animals:

People with known hypersensitivity to NSAIDs should avoid contact with the veterinary medicinal product. In case of accidental ingestion, seek medical advice immediately and show the package leaflet or label to the physician. This product can cause eye irritation. In case of contact with the eyes, immediately rinse thoroughly with water.

• Use during pregnancy, lactation or lay:

Do not use in pregnant or lactating bitches.

• Interaction with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction:

Other NSAIDs, diuretics, anticoagulants, aminoglycoside antibiotics and substances with high protein binding may compete for binding and thus lead to toxic effects. Loxicom must not be administered in conjunction with other NSAIDs or glucocorticosteroids.

Pre-treatment with anti-inflammatory substances may result in additional or increased adverse effects and accordingly a treatment-free period with such drugs should be observed for at least 24 hours before commencement of treatment with Loxicom.

The treatment free period, however, should take into account the pharmacological properties of the products used previously.

• Overdose:

In the case of overdose, symptomatic treatment should be initiated.

• Incompatibilities:

None known.

10. Storage instructions

• Storage conditions:

Store below 25°C in room temperature.

• Prevent poisoning! This medicine and any other medicine should be kept in a safe place out of the reach and sight of children and / or infants and thereby prevent poisoning.

• Do not use this medicine after the exp date on the package. The expiration date refers to the last day of that month.

• After first opening of the packaging, the product can be used up to 6 months.

11. Special precautions for the disposal of

unused veterinary medicinal product or waste materials derived from the use of such products:

Any unused veterinary medicinal product or waste materials derived from such veterinary medicinal products should be disposed as toxic waste. Do not dispose in sewage.

12. FURTHER INFORMATION:

• **In addition to the active ingredient the product also contains:**

Sodium Benzoate, Glycerol, Sodium Dihydrogen Phosphate Dihydrate, Povidone K30, Xanthan Gum (Rhodigel 80), Disodium Phosphate Dihydrate, Citric Acid Anhydrous, Simethicone Emulsion, Purified water

• **Pharmaceutical form:**

Pale yellow oral suspension.

• **Packaging size:**

10ml, 32ml and 100ml polyethylene bottles with 2 measuring syringes, a 1 ml and 5 ml syringe to ensure accurate dosing of small and large dogs. Each syringe is graduated in bodyweight, the 1 ml syringe is graduated from 0.5 kg to 15 kg and the 5 ml syringe for 2.5 kg to 75 kg. Not all packaging sizes may be marketed

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