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## CODEINE

### ***Why has my veterinarian prescribed this medicine?***

Codeine is used to help manage mild to moderate pain. It may also be used for cough and for diarrhea.

### ***How do I give this medication?***

- Give this medication to your pet as directed by your veterinarian.  
**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.
- Try not to miss giving any doses.



### ***What do I do if I miss giving a dose?***

Give the dose as soon as possible. If it is almost time for the next dose, skip the missed dose, and continue with the regular schedule. Do not give the pet two doses at once.

### ***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 this medicine in the bathroom, near the kitchen sink or in damp places. The medicine may break down if exposed to heat or moisture.

### ***What are the potential side effects?***

- Your pet may experience the following side effects, especially when the medication is given at higher doses or with repeated use: drowsiness, nausea, vomiting, constipation and obstruction of the intestine.
- Notify your veterinarian if side effects appear and remain troublesome.
- 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.
- Quite often your veterinarian may prescribe two different medications, even if a drug interaction may occur. In this case, your veterinarian may vary the dose and/or monitor your pet more closely.

- The following drugs can potentially interact with codeine – barbiturates, phenothiazines and other CNS depressants.
- Contact your veterinarian if your pet experiences any unusual reactions when different medications are given together.

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