

acecare[®] 2mg/ml

Solution for Injection for Dogs and Cats

Acepromazine (as Acepromazine maleate)

Name of the veterinary medicinal product:

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Presentation:

Each ml of pale yellow solution contains

Active substance:

Acepromazine 2mg

(as acepromazine maleate 2.71mg)

Excipient:

Phenol (as preservative) 3mg

Indications

Anaesthetic Premedication: Following acepromazine administration, the amount of anaesthetic necessary to induce anaesthesia is considerably reduced. This reduction is approximately one-third of a suitable induction agent.

Tranquillisation: Acepromazine tranquillisation (ataraxy) involves a modification of temperament which is not associated with hypnosis, narcosis or marked sedation. This is achieved with low doses of acepromazine.

Sedation: At higher dose rates acepromazine is a sedative.

Contraindications

Do not use in pregnant animals.

Do not use on a long term basis in individual animals.

Adverse reactions

Cardiac dysrhythmia may follow rapid intravenous injection (see Special Warnings section). If you notice any serious effects or other effects not mentioned in the package leaflet, please inform your veterinary surgeon.

Target species

Dogs and Cats

Dosage for each species, route(s) and method of administration

Premedication: 0.03 – 0.125mg per kg

bodyweight by intramuscular, subcutaneous or slow intravenous injection.

Other uses: By intramuscular or subcutaneous injection 0.0625 – 0.125mg per kg bodyweight. Approximately equivalent to 0.625 – 1.25ml of 2mg/ml injection per 20kg bodyweight. By intravenous injection-as for intramuscular, except that it is recommended the injection is made slowly. The maximum dose that should be given is 4mg acepromazine per animal. Normally single doses of acepromazine are administered (see Contraindications).

Advice on correct administration

Take adequate precautions to maintain sterility. Avoid the introduction of contamination during use. Should any apparent growth or discolouration occur, discard the product. Do not exceed 25 broachings per vial.

Special storage precautions

Keep out of sight and reach of children. Do not store above 25°C. Keep the vial in the outer carton in order to protect from light. Do not use this veterinary medicinal product after the expiry date which is stated on the carton and vial after "EXP". The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

Shelf- life after first opening the vial: 28 days.

When the container is broached (opened) for the first time, using the in-use shelf life which is specified on this package leaflet, the date on which any product remaining in the carton should be discarded should be worked out. This discard date should be written in the space provided.

Special warnings

Special warnings for target species:

None.

Special precautions for use in animals:

Acepromazine is hypotensive. Particular care should therefore be taken in hypovolaemic animals; rehydration should precede acepromazine administration.

In some dogs, particularly Boxers and other short-nosed breeds, spontaneous fainting or syncope may occur due to sinoatrial block caused by excessive vagal tone. An attack may be precipitated by an injection of acepromazine, so a low dose should be used. Where there is a history of this type of syncope, or if it is suspected because of excessive sinus arrhythmia, it may be advantageous to control the dysrhythmia with atropine given just before the acepromazine. Large breeds: It has been noted that large breeds of dog are particularly sensitive to acepromazine and the minimum dose possible should be used in these breeds.

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

Care should be taken when handling and administering this product to avoid exposure. Take precautions to avoid accidental injection or self-administration of this potent drug. In case of accidental self-injection, seek medical advice immediately and show the package leaflet or the label to the physician. Symptomatic treatment may be required.

Avoid contact with eyes. If accidental eye contact occurs, flush gently with fresh running water for 15 minutes and seek medical advice if any irritation persists.

In the event of accidental skin contact wash the contaminated area with large amounts of soap and water. Medical advice should be sought if irritation persists.

Wash hands and exposed skin thoroughly after use.

Use during Pregnancy, Lactation or lay:

The safety of the veterinary medicinal product has not been established during pregnancy.

Interaction with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction:

Acepromazine is additive to the actions of other depressants and will potentiate general anaesthesia (see Indications).

Overdose (symptoms, emergency procedures, antidotes):

Transient dose-dependent hypotension may occur in cases of accidental overdose. Therapy should consist of discontinuing any other hypotensive treatment, supportive care such as intravenous infusion of warm isotonic saline to correct hypotension and close monitoring. Epinephrine (adrenaline) is contra-indicated in the treatment of acute hypotension produced by overdosage of acepromazine maleate, since

further depression of systemic blood pressure can result.

Incompatibilities:

In the absence of compatibility studies, this veterinary medicinal product must not be mixed with other veterinary medicinal products.

Special precautions for the disposal of unused product or waste material, if any

Any unused veterinary medicinal product or waste materials derived from such veterinary medicinal product should be disposed of in accordance with local requirements.

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Other information

Pack sizes

20ml clear glass vials.

Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

Marketing Authorisation Holder:

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Manufacturer responsible for batch release:

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