# Drug Information: Carprofen



### Name - Active Ingredient

Carprofen

## **Species**

Short- and long-term use in dogs







### **Major Indication**

Nonsteroidal Anti-inflammatory Drug (NSAID)

• Painkiller, anti-inflammatory, antipyretic (reduces fever)

改 Used after injury or surgery.

Can be used long-term to treat chronically painful conditions (e.g., osteoarthritis).

## **Common Contraindications and Warnings**

The drug should not be given to dehydrated animals, those with low blood pressure, or those with a clotting disorder.

Care is needed in older patients with pre-existing kidney disease, intestinal disease, or liver disease.

Safety has not been determined in puppies younger than 6 months or in pregnant or lactating dogs.

Do not administer alongside any other NSAID or steroid (e.g., prednisone) and do not change NSAIDs until your pet has gone through a 7-day washout period of no Carprofen.

#### **Potential Side Effects**

The most common side effects are vomiting and/or diarrhea (less than 2%).

Rare side effects include liver or kidney failure, bleeding, and intestinal ulceration.

Animals that develop side effects often tolerate a different NSAID.

There is little evidence to suggest one particular NSAID has a better safety profile than another.

# Administration Instructions/Handling

Give with food.

🤁 Stop if your dog develops vomiting or diarrhea, or if it becomes unwell during treatment.

👺 Tablets can be very palatable, so it is important to keep them well out of reach of your dog.

If a dose is missed, give straight away if within a couple of hours of normal dosing time, otherwise restart when the next dose is due.

#### Storage

Store at room temperature and out of reach of dogs. The tablets can be very palatable, and whole bottles may be eaten if they are accessible.

## Speed of Action + Monitoring

WSAIDs start working within a few hours. In chronic pain conditions, it can take several weeks for the full benefit to be seen.

Pain levels should also be closely monitored to be certain no additional treatment is needed.

With long-term use, intermittent blood testing is routinely recommended to monitor liver and kidney function.

#### REMEMBER! READ THE LABEL!

# **Drug Details**

**Drug name** Carprofen

Trade or common names Rimadyl, Carprieve, Aventicarp, Novox, Vetprofen, Quellin

**Drug type**Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory

**Used for**Pain and inflammation

Species
Dog + ca

Formulation Injectable, tablets



## Notes:

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