



Name - Active Ingredient

 Gabapentin

Name - Common Trade Names

 Neurontin, generics

Species



Major Indication

-  Pain - more effective treating long-term nerve pain than sudden short-term pain.
-  Situations where fear or anxiety is anticipated.
-  Aids seizure treatment when other drugs are failing to adequately control seizures.

Common Contraindications and Warnings

-  Some human preparations contain xylitol which is highly toxic to dogs and cats.
-  Use with caution in cases of advanced kidney or liver disease.

Potential Side Effects

-  Sedation and wobbliness are the most common side-effects seen.
-  Drooling and vomiting are seen less commonly.

Administration Instructions/Handling

-  Giving with food reduces the risk of vomiting.
-  When long-term treatment is no longer needed, treatment should be stopped slowly.
-  If a dose is missed, give as soon as possible and administer the next dose as due.

Storage

-  Capsules and tablets should be stored at room temperature.
-  Oral liquid should be kept in the fridge.

Speed of Action, Duration of Effect + Monitoring

-  When given for fear or anxiety, administer 90 minutes to 3 hours before the effect is needed.
-  It takes 1-2 days for body levels to reach a steady state.
-  When used to treat long-term pain, it can take several weeks to months for the full effect to be appreciated.
-  When given to treat pain, your pet's pain levels should be monitored to ensure the treatment given is effective.

REMEMBER! READ THE LABEL!

Drug Details

Drug name
Gabapentin

Trade or common names
Neurontin, generics

Drug type
Anticonvulsant, analgesic drug

Used for
Painkiller, anxiety/fear,
uncontrolled
seizures

Species
Dog + cat

Formulation
Tablet, capsule, liquid



Notes:

General disclaimer

The authors assume no responsibility for any harm that results from the information provided. Medications are given for a number of different reasons, and they may not be appropriate for specific individuals. Medication and supplements should only be given to your pet under the direct instruction of your veterinarian.