Meloxidyl°

(meloxicam) 1.5 mg/mL Oral Suspension Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug for oral use in dogs only

Caution: Federal law restricts this drug to use by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian.

Warning: Repeated use of meloxicam in rats has been associated with acute renal failure and death. Do not administer additional injectable or oral meloxicam to cats. See Contraindications, Warnings, and Precautions for detailed information.

Description: Meloxicam is a Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory (NSAID) drug of the oxicam class. Each milliliter of Meloxidyl[®] 1.5 mg/mL Oral Suspension contains meloxicam equivalent to 1.5 milligrams and sodium benzoate (2.0 milligrams) as a preservative. The chemical name for Meloxicam is 4-Hydroxy-2-methyl-N-(5-methyl-2-thiazolyl)-2H-1, 2 benzothiazine-3- carboxamide-1, 1-dioxide. The formulation is a Vellowish viscous suspension.



Indications: Meloxidyl (meloxicam) Oral Suspension is indicated for the control of pain and inflammation associated with osteoarthritis in doos.

Dosage and Administration: Always provide client information sheet with prescription. Carefully consider the potential benefits and risk of Meloxidyl Oral Suspension and other treatment options before deciding to use Meloxidyl Oral Suspension. Use the lowest effective dose for the shortest duration consistent with individual response. Meloxidyl Oral Suspension should be administered initially at 0.09 mg/lb (0.2 mg/kg) body weight only on the first day of treatment. For all treatments after day 1, Meloxidyl Oral Suspension should be administered once daily at a dose of 0.045 mg/lb (0.1 mg/kg). The syringes are calibrated to deliver the daily maintenance dose in lbs. The daily dose (0.045 mg/lb) contains 0.03 mL of Meloxidyl Oral Suspension for ever v1 lb (0.45 kg) of dog body weight.

Directions for Administration:

Meloxidyl Oral Suspension is packaged with 2 sizes of dosing syringes. The small syringe (blue print) is calibrated for use in dogs under 15 lbs. The large syringe (green print) is calibrated for use in dogs 15 lbs or greater. **Only administer Meloxidyl with the provided syringes. The container should never be used as a dropper bottle for administration of Meloxidyl**.

Dogs under 15 lbs (6.8 kg)

Shake well before use, then remove cap. Meloxidyl Oral Suspension can be given either mixed with food or placed directly into the mouth. Particular care should be given with regard to the accuracy of dosing. **To prevent accidental overdosing of small dogs, only use the small dosing syringe**. The large syringe provided cannot be used to measure doess for dogs weighing less than 15 lbs (6.8 kg). For dogs less than 15 lbs, use the small dosing syringe (blue print) provided in the package (see dosing procedure below). The small dosing syringe fits onto the bottle and has dosing marks at 0.5 lb, then in 1 lb increments (ranging from 1 to 14 lbs), designed to deliver the daily maintenance dose of 0.05 mg/lb (0.1 mg/kg).

For dogs less than 1 lb (0.45 kg), Meloxidyl can be given using the 0.5 mark on the small dosing syringe

For dogs between 1 - 14 lbs, Meloxidyl can be given using the marks on the small dosing syringe, beginning at 1 lb and ending at 14 lbs. When using the small dosing syringe, the dog's weight should be rounded down to the nearest 1 lb increment. Replace and tighten cap after use.

Dogs 15 lbs (6.8 kg) and over

Shake well before use, then remove cap. Meloxidyl may be either mixed with food or placed directly into the mouth. Particular care should be given with regard to the accuracy of dosing.

For dogs 15 lbs or greater, use the large dosing syringe (green print) provided in the package (see dosing procedure below). The large dosing syringe fits on to the bottle and has dosing marks in 5 lb increments (ranging from 5 to 140 lbs), designed to deliver the daily maintenance dose of 0.05 mg/lb (0.1 mg/kg). When using the large syringe, the dog's weight should be rounded down to the nearest 5 lb increment. Replace and tighten cap after use.



Contraindications: Dogs with known hypersensitivity to meloxicam should not receive Meloxidyl Oral Suspension. Do not use Meloxidyl Oral Suspension in cats. Acute renal failure and death have been associated with the use of meloxicam in cats.

Warnings: Not for use in humans. Keep this and all medications out of reach of children. Consult a physician in case of accidental ingestion by humans. For oral use in dogs only.

As with any NSAID, all dogs should undergo a thorough history and physical examination before the initiation of NSAID therapy. Appropriate laboratory testing to establish hematological and serum biochemical baseline data is recommended prior to and periodically during administration. Owner should be advised to observe their dog for signs of potential drug toxicity and be given a client information sheet about Meloxidyl Oral Suspension. Precautions: The safe use of Meloxidyl Oral Suspension in dogs younger than 6 months of age, dogs used for breeding, or in pregnant or lactating dogs has not been evaluated. Meloxicam Oral Suspension is not recommended for use in dogs with bleeding disorders, as safety has not been established in dogs with these disorders. As a class, cyclo-oxygenase inhibitory NSAIDs may be associated with gastrointestinal, renal and hepatic toxicity. Sensitivity to drug-associated adverse events varies with the individual patient. Dogs that have experienced adverse reactions from one NSAID may experience adverse reactions from another NSAID. Patients at greatest risk for renal toxicity are those that are dehydrated, on concomitant diuretic therapy. or those with existing renal, cardiovascular, and/or hepatic dysfunction. Concurrent administration of potentially nephrotoxic drugs should be carefully approached. NSAIDs may inhibit the prostaglandins that maintain normal homeostatic function. Such antiprostaglandin effects may result in clinically significant disease in patients with underlying or pre-existing disease that has not been previously diagnosed. Since NSAIDs possess the potential to induce gastrointestinal ulcerations and/or perforations, concomitant use with other anti-inflammatory drugs, such as NSAIDs or corticosteroids, should be avoided. If additional pain medication is needed after administration of the total daily dose of Meloxidyl Oral Suspension, a non-NSAID or non-corticosteroid class of analgesia should be considered. The use of another NSAID is not recommended. Consider appropriate washout times when switching from corticosteroid use or from one NSAID to another in dogs. The use of concomitantly protein-bound drugs with Meloxidyl Oral Suspension has not been studied in dogs. Commonly used protein-bound drugs include cardiac. anticonvulsant and behavioral medications. The influence of concomitant drugs that may inhibit metabolism of Meloxidyl Oral Suspension has not been evaluated. Drug compatibility should be monitored in patients requiring adjunctive therapy.

Adverse Reactions: Field safety was evaluated in 306 dogs. Based on the results of two studies, Gl abnormalities (vomiting, soft stools, diarrhea, and inappetance) were the most common adverse reactions associated with the administration of meloxicam. The following table lists adverse reactions and the numbers of dogs that experienced them during the studies. Dogs may have experienced more than one episode of the adverse reaction during the study.

Adverse Reactions Observed During Two Field Studies		
Clinical Observation	Meloxicam (n = 157)	Placebo (n = 149)
Vomiting	40	23
Diarrhea/Soft Stool	19	11
Bloody Stool	1	0
Inappetance	5	1
Bleeding Gums After Dental Procedure	1	0
Lethargy/Swollen Carpus	1	0
Epiphora	1	0

In foreigo suspected adverse drug reaction (SADR) reporting over a 9 year period, incidences of adverse reactions related to meloxicam administration included: auto-immune hemolytic anemia (1 dog), thrombocytopenia (1 dog), polyarthritis (1 dog), nursing puppy lethargy (1 dog), and pyoderma (1 dog).

Post-Approval Experience: (Rev 2010)

The following adverse events are based on post-approval adverse drug experience reporting. Not all adverse reactions are reported to FDA/CVM. It is not always possible to reliably estimate the adverse event frequency or establish a causal relationship to product exposure using this data. The following adverse events are listed in decreasing order of frequency by body system.

Gastrointestinal: vomiting, anorexia, diarrhea, melena, gastrointestinal ulceration Urinary: azotemia, elevated creatinine, renal failure Neurological/Behavioral: lethargy, depression Hepatic: elevated liver enzymes Dermatologic: pruritus

Death has been reported as an outcome of the adverse events listed above. Acute renal failure and death have been associated with use of meloxicam in cats.

To report suspected adverse reactions, to obtain a Material Safety Data Sheet, or for technical assistance, call 1-800-999-0227. For a complete listing of adverse reactions for meloxican reported to the CVM see: http://www.fda.gov/Animal/Veterinary/SafetyHealth/Product/SafetyInformation/ucm053394.htm

Information for Dog Owners: Meloxidyl, like other drugs of its class, is not free from adverse reactions. Owners should be advised of the potential for adverse reactions and be informed of the clinical signs associated with drug intelerance. Adverse reactions may include vomiting, diarrhea, decreased appetite, dark or tarry stools, increased water consumption, increased urination, pale gums due to anemia, yellowing of gums, skin or white of the eye due to jaundice, lethargy, incoordination, seizure, or behavioral changes. Services adverse reactions associated with this drug class can occur without warning and in rare situations result in death (see Adverse Reactions). Owners should be advised to discontinue Meloxidyl Oral Suspension and contact their veterinarian immediately if signs of intolerance are observed. The vast majority of patients with drug related adverse reactions have recovered when the signs are recognized, the drug is withdrawn, and veterinary care, if appropriate, is initiated. Owners should be advised of the importance of periodic follow up for all dogs during administration of any NSAID.

Clinical Pharmacology: Meloxicam has nearly 100% bioavailability when administered orally with food. The terminal elimination half life after a single dose is estimated to be approximately 24 hrs (+/- 30%) regardless of route of administration. There is no evidence of statistically significant general differences in drug pharmacohinetics. Drug bioavailability, volume of distribution, and total systemic dearance remain constant up to 5 times the recommended dose for use in dogs. However, there is some evidence of enhanced drug accumulation and terminal elimination half-life prolongation when dogs are dosed for 45 days or longer.

Peak drug concentrations can be expected to occur within about 7.5 hrs after oral administration. Corresponding peak concentration is approximately 0.464 mcg/mL following a 0.2 mg/kg oral dose. The drug is 97% bound to canine plasma noteins

Effectiveness: The effectiveness of meloxicam was demonstrated in two field studies involving a total of 277 dogs representing various breeds, between six months and sixteen years of age, all diagnosed with osteoarthritis. Both of the placebo-controlled, makked studies were conducted for 14 days. All dogs received 0.2 mg/kg on day 1. All dogs were maintained on 0.1 mg/kg oral meloxicam from days 2 through 14 of both studies. Parameters evaluated by veterinarians included lameness, weight-bearing, pain on palpation, and overall improvement. Parameters assessed by owners included mobility, ability to rise, limping, and overall improvement. In the first field study (n = 109), dogs showed clinical improvement with statistical significance after 14 days of meloxicam treatment for all parameters, however, statistical significance was demonstrated only for the overall improvement after 1 days of therapy for all parameters, however, statistical significance was demonstrated only for the overall investigator evaluation on day 7, and for the owner evaluation on day 14.

Safety: Six Week Study

In a six week target animal safety study, meloxicam was administered orally at 1, 3, and 5X the recommended dose with no significant clinical adverse reactions. Animals in all dose groups (control, 1, 3 and 5X the recommended dose) exhibited some gastrinietstinal distress (diartnea and vomiting). No treatment related changes were observed in hematological, blood chemistry, urinalysis, clotting time, or buccal mucosal bleeding times. Necropsy results included stomach mucosal petechiae in one control dog, two dogs at the 3X and one dog at the 5X dose. Other macroscopic changes included areas of congestion or depression of the mucosa of the jeignum or lieum in three doogs at the 1X dose and in two dogs at the 5X dose. Similar changes were also seen in two dogs in the control group. There were no macroscopic small intestinal lesions observed in dogs receiving the 3X dose. Renal enlargement was reported during the necropsy of two dogs receiving the 3X dose. Renal enlargement was reported during the necropsy of two dogs receiving the 3X dose.

Microscopic examination of the kidneys revealed minimal degeneration or slight necrosis at the tip of the papilla in three dogs at the SX dose. Microscopic examination of the stomach showed inflammatory mucosal lesions, epithelial regenerative hyperplasia or atrophy, and sub-mucosal gland inflammation in two dogs at the recommended dose, three dogs at the 3X and four dogs at the SX dose. Small intestinal microscopic changes included minimal focal mucosal erosion affecting the villi, and were sometimes associated with mucosal congestion. These lesions were observed in the ileum of one control dog and in the jejunum of one dog at the recommended dose at the SX dose.

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Endoscopic changes consisted of reddening of the gastric mucosal surface covering less than 25% of the surface area. This was seen in three dogs at the recommended dose, three dogs at the 3X dose and two dogs at the 5X dose. Two control dogs exhibited reddening in conjunction with lucreation of the mucosa covering less than 25% of the surface area. Gross gastrointestinal necropsy results observed included mild discoloration of the stomach or duodenum in one dog at the 3X and in one dog at the 5X dose. Multificial pinpoint red foci were observed in the gastric fundic mucosa in one dog at the recommended dose, and in one dog at the 5X dose.

No macroscopic or microscopic renal changes were observed in any dogs receiving meloxicam in this six month study. Microscopic gastrointestinal findings were limited to one dog at the recommended dose, and two dogs at the 3X dose. Mild inflammatory mucosal inflittate was observed in the duodenum of one dog at the recommended dose. Mild congestion of the fundic mucosa and mild myositis of the outer mural musculature of the stomach were observed in two dogs receiving the 3X dose.

How Supplied: Meloxidyl® 1.5 mg/mL Oral Suspension: 10, 32, 100 and 200 mL bottles with small and large dosing syringes.

Storage: Store at controlled room temperature 68-77° F (20-25° C). Excursions permitted between 59° F and 86° F (15° C and 30° C). Brief exposure to temperature up to 104° F (40° C) may be tolerated provided the mean kinetic temperature does not exceed 77° F (25° C); however such exposure should be minimized.

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WHEN DOGS HURT FROM OSTEOARTHRITIS, EVERYONE FEELS THE PAIN.









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Osteoarthritis is a pain

While osteoarthritis is extremely common, it often goes unrecognized. Left untreated, osteoarthritis can set in motion a cycle of pain that can impede your dog's mobility as well as their quality of life.





Meloxidy[®] (meloxicam)

So how can you tell if your dog is suffering? Their behavior is usually the best indicator.

Does your dog show any of these signs?

- Difficulty rising in the morning or after a long nap
- Less enthusiasm about playing or going for a walk
- Taking longer to recover from daily exercise
- Inability to jump on the couch, the bed or into the car
- Occasional limping
- Reluctance to climb the stairs
- Whining or growling when touched on the legs or back

If so, your dog may have joint pain and suffering from osteoarthritis. Consult your veterinarian about these symptoms to see if Meloxidyl[®] (meloxicam) is right for your dog.



MELOXIDYL[®] (meloxicam) MEANS RELIEF Because pets with osteoarthritis deserve the best quality of life possible, we created Meloxidyl[®] (meloxicam), an effective NSAID (nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug) to help control your dog's pain and inflammation associated with osteoarthritis.

IT'S EFFECTIVE.

Meloxicam was shown to be effective at reducing pain and increasing overall mobility in as little as 8 days.



IT'S CONVENIENT.

Each oral suspension package comes with two dosing syringes, one for small dogs and one for larger dogs. So your dog receives the exact dose of NSAID needed. No more, no less.

IT'S TASTY.

Meloxidyl® (meloxicam) is a sweetened oral suspension that dogs love. In fact, in a laboratory study where Meloxidyl® was placed on food, 100% of the dogs ate the food.*



IT'S PRACTICAL. Meloxidyl[®] is a cost-effective solution for managing your dog's pain.

DO NOT USE MELOXIDYL® ORAL SUSPENSION IN CATS. Acute renal failure and death have been associated with the use of meloxicam in cats. Dogs with known hypersensitivity to meloxicam or other NSAIDs should not receive Meloxidyl® Oral Suspension. Meloxidyl® Oral Suspension is not recommended for use in dogs with bleeding disorders. If vomiting, diarrhea, decreased appetite or other signs of illness are seen, discontinue treatment immediately. *Data on file.



TAKE A HOLISTIC APPROACH WITH MELOXIDYL®(meloxicam)

Ask your veterinarian if Meloxidyl® (meloxicam) can help your dog get back to a comfortable life.

A complete, holistic approach to treating osteoarthritis may include:

- Regular check-ups with your veterinarian to monitor
- your dog's progress
- Joint support supplements
- Maintaining a healthy weight
- Changing your dog's environment to make it easier
- to get around
- Physical rehabilitation

To help get your dog back to doing the things they love to do, talk to your veterinarian about managing the pain and inflammation of osteoarthritis with Meloxidyl[®].



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