

# Client Information about EtoGesic<sup>®</sup> Tablets (etodolac)

**EtoGesic<sup>®</sup> (pronounced et-toe-gee´-zik)  
for Osteoarthritis Pain  
Generic name: etodolac (ee-toe-doe´-lak)**

This summary contains important information about EtoGesic. You should read this information before you start giving your dog EtoGesic and review it each time the prescription is refilled. This sheet is provided only as a summary and does not take the place of instructions from your veterinarian. Talk to your veterinarian if you do not understand any of this information or if you want to know more about EtoGesic.

## WHAT IS ETOGESIC?

EtoGesic is a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) that is used to reduce pain and inflammation (soreness) due to osteoarthritis in dogs. A licensed veterinarian must prescribe EtoGesic for your dog. It is available as a tablet and is given to dogs by mouth.

Osteoarthritis (OA) is a painful condition caused by "wear and tear" of cartilage and other parts of the joints that may result in the following changes or signs in your dog:

- Limping or lameness
- Decreased activity or exercise (reluctance to stand, climb stairs, jump or run, or difficulty in performing these activities)
- Stiffness or decreased movement of joints.

## WHAT KIND OF RESULTS CAN I EXPECT WHEN MY DOG IS ON ETOGESIC FOR OA?

While EtoGesic is not a cure for osteoarthritis, it can relieve the pain and inflammation of OA and improve your dog's mobility.

- Response varies from dog to dog but can be quite dramatic.
- In most dogs, improvement can be seen in a matter of days.
- If EtoGesic is discontinued or not given as directed, your dog's pain and inflammation may come back.

## WHO SHOULD NOT TAKE ETOGESIC?

Your dog should not be given EtoGesic if he/she:

- Has had an allergic reaction to etodolac, the active ingredient of EtoGesic.
- Has had an allergic reaction to aspirin or other NSAIDs (for example carprofen or phenylbutazone) such as hives, facial swelling, or red or itchy skin.

**EtoGesic should be given to dogs only.** Cats should not be given EtoGesic. Call your veterinarian immediately if your cat receives EtoGesic. People should not take EtoGesic. Keep EtoGesic and all medicine out of reach of children. Call your physician immediately if you accidentally take EtoGesic.

## HOW TO GIVE ETOGESIC TO YOUR DOG.

EtoGesic should be given according to your veterinarian's instructions. Your veterinarian will tell you what amount of EtoGesic is right for your dog and for how long it should be given. EtoGesic should be given by mouth and may be given with or without food.

## WHAT TO TELL/ASK YOUR VETERINARIAN BEFORE GIVING ETOGESIC.

Talk to your veterinarian about:

- The signs of OA you have observed (for example limping, stiffness).
- The importance of weight control and exercise in the management of OA.
- What tests might be done before EtoGesic is prescribed.
- How often your dog may need to be examined by your veterinarian.
- The risks and benefits of using EtoGesic.

Tell your veterinarian if your dog has ever had the following medical problems:

- Experienced side effects from EtoGesic or other NSAIDs, such as aspirin
- Digestive upset (vomiting and/or diarrhea)
- Liver disease
- Kidney disease
- A bleeding disorder (for example, Von Willebrand's disease)

Tell your veterinarian about:

- Any other medical problems or allergies that your dog has now or has had.
- All medicines that you are giving your dog or plan to give your dog, including those you can get without a prescription.

Tell your veterinarian if your dog is:

- Pregnant, nursing or if you plan to breed your dog.

## WHAT ARE THE POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS THAT MAY OCCUR IN MY DOG DURING ETOGESIC THERAPY?

EtoGesic, like other drugs, may cause some side effects. Serious but rare side effects have been reported in dogs taking NSAIDs, including EtoGesic. Serious side effects can occur with or without warning and in rare situations result in death.

The most common NSAID-related side effects generally involve the stomach (such as bleeding ulcers), and liver or kidney problems. Look for the following side effects that can indicate your dog may be having a problem with EtoGesic or may have another medical problem:

- Decrease or increase in appetite
- Vomiting
- Change in bowel movements (such as diarrhea, or black, tarry or bloody stools)
- Change in behavior (such as decreased or increased activity level, incoordination, seizure or aggression)
- Yellowing of gums, skin, or whites of the eyes (jaundice)
- Change in drinking habits (frequency, amount consumed)
- Change in urination habits (frequency, color, or smell)
- Change in skin (redness, scabs, or scratching)

It is important to stop therapy and contact your veterinarian immediately if you think your dog has a medical problem or side effect from EtoGesic therapy. If you have additional questions about possible side effects, talk to your veterinarian.

## CAN ETOGESIC BE GIVEN WITH OTHER MEDICINES?

EtoGesic should not be given with other NSAIDs (for example, aspirin, carprofen) or steroids (for example, cortisone, prednisone, dexamethasone, triamcinolone).

Tell your veterinarian about all medicines you have given your dog in the past, and any medicines that you are planning to give with EtoGesic. This should include other medicines that you can get without a prescription. Your veterinarian may want to check that all of your dog's medicines can be given together.

## WHAT CAN I DO IN CASE MY DOG EATS MORE THAN THE PRESCRIBED AMOUNT?

Contact your veterinarian immediately if your dog eats more than the prescribed amount of EtoGesic.

## WHAT ELSE SHOULD I KNOW ABOUT ETOGESIC?

This sheet provides a summary of information about EtoGesic. If you have any questions or concerns about EtoGesic or osteoarthritis pain, talk to your veterinarian.

As with all prescribed medicines, EtoGesic should only be given to the dog for which it was prescribed. It should be given to your dog only for the condition for which it was prescribed.

It is important to periodically discuss your dog's response to EtoGesic at regular check ups. Your veterinarian will best determine if your dog is responding as expected and if your dog should continue receiving EtoGesic.

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