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Client Information about ZUBRIN® (tepo(xal)in) Rapidly-Disintegrating Tablets

Zubrin® Tablets (pronounced zoo-brin) for Osteoarthritis Pain
Generic name: tepoxalin (pronounced te-pox-a-lin)

This summary contains important information about Zubrin Tablets. You should read this information before you start giving your dog Zubrin Tablets 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 Zubrin Tablets.

WHAT ARE ZUBRIN TABLETS?

Zubrin Tablets are a veterinary prescription nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) that are used to reduce pain and inflammation (soreness) due to osteoarthritis in dogs. They are available as rapidly-disintegrating tablets and are 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, 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 ZUBRIN TABLETS FOR OA?

While Zubrin Tablets are not a cure for osteoarthritis, they 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 Zubrin Tablets are discontinued or not given as directed, your dog’s pain and inflammation may come back.

WHO SHOULD NOT TAKE ZUBRIN TABLETS?

Your dog should not be given Zubrin Tablets if he/she:

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

ZUBRIN TABLETS SHOULD BE GIVEN TO DOGS ONLY.

People should not take Zubrin Tablets. Keep Zubrin Tablets and all medicine out of reach of children. Call a physician immediately if Zubrin Tablets are taken accidentally.

WHAT TO TELL/ASK YOUR VETERINARIAN BEFORE GIVING ZUBRIN TABLETS:

Talk to your veterinarian about:

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

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

- Experienced side effects from Zubrin Tablets or other NSAIDs, such as aspirin
- Digestive upset (vomiting and/or diarrhea)
- Liver disease
- Kidney 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

HOW TO GIVE ZUBRIN TABLETS TO YOUR DOG:

Zubrin Tablets should be given according to your veterinarian’s instructions. Your veterinarian will tell you what amount of Zubrin Tablets are right for your dog and for how long it should be given. Zubrin Tablets should be given by mouth. Zubrin Tablets should be administered with food or shortly (within 1 to 2 hours) after your dog has eaten.

WHAT ARE THE POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS THAT MAY OCCUR IN MY DOG DURING ZUBRIN TABLETS THERAPY?

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

The most common side effects associated with Zubrin Tablet therapy involve the digestive tract (for example, vomiting, diarrhea, or bleeding). Liver or kidney problems have also been reported with certain NSAIDs. Look for the following side effects that can indicate your dog may be having a problem with NSAID therapy 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 or 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 Zubrin Tablet therapy. If you have additional questions about possible side effects, talk to your veterinarian or call 1-800-224-5318.

CAN ZUBRIN TABLETS BE GIVEN WITH OTHER MEDICINES?

Zubrin Tablets should not be given with other NSAIDs (for example, aspirin, carprofen, phenylbutazone, or etodolac) or steroids (for example, cortisone, prednisone, dexamethasone, or 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 Zubrin Tablets. 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 CONSUMES MORE THAN THE PRESCRIBED AMOUNT?

Contact your veterinarian immediately if your dog consumes more than the prescribed amount of Zubrin Tablets.

WHAT ELSE SHOULD I KNOW ABOUT ZUBRIN TABLETS?

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

As with all prescribed medicines, Zubrin Tablets should only be given to the dog for which they were prescribed. They should be given to your dog only for the condition for which they were prescribed.

It is important to periodically discuss your dog’s response to Zubrin Tablets at regular checkups. Your veterinarian will best determine if your dog is responding as expected and if your dog should continue receiving Zubrin Tablets.

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