



TECHNICAL NOTES



Apomorphine

Emetic Tablets



Active Constituents

Apomorphine hydrochloride 6.5 mg / tablet

Properties

Apomorphine Tablets are an emetic for use in dogs. Apomorphine is an agonist of D1 and D2 receptors in the central nervous system. Vomiting usually occurs within 5 minutes after administration and can last for up to 25 minutes.

Indications

Induction of emesis.

Precautions

Do NOT use in cats.

Do NOT use in dogs which have ingested strong acids, alkalis or caustic agents.

Do NOT use in dogs which are hypoxic, dyspnoeic, in shock, seizing, comatose or severely depressed.

Do NOT use in dogs which lack normal pharyngeal reflexes or which have displayed protracted vomiting.

Apomorphine administration following poisoning with strychnine or other CNS stimulants may precipitate seizures.

Do NOT administer a second dose if the first dose fails to produce emesis.

Due to the possible summation of effects, care must be taken when treating poisoning cases caused by CNS depressants.

Overdosage is characterised by rapid respiration, running in circles or tetanic convulsions and can be treated by a phenothiazone derivative such as chlorpromazine.¹

Haloperidol is a known potent antagonist to Apomorphine.²

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Directions for Use

For ocular or oral administration

0.25 mg/kg (1 tablet/26kg)

Place the tablet under the conjunctiva or give orally

For subcutaneous administration

Dissolve the tablet in 20 mL Water for Injections or sterile saline or equivalent (0.325 mg/mL)

Dose at 0.08 mg/kg (0.246 mL/kg)

For intravenous administration

Dissolve the tablet in 20mL Water for Injections or sterile saline or equivalent (0.325 mg/mL)

Dose at 0.04 mg/kg (0.123 mL/kg)

Presentation

20 tablets in plastic vial with label containing a light protective coating.

Storage

Store below 30°C (Room Temperature). Protect from light, moisture and air.

Disposal

Dispose of container by wrapping in paper and putting in garbage.

GHS Information

For GHS Information see Safety Data Sheet.

First Aid

If poisoning occurs, contact a doctor or Poisons Information Centre. Phone New Zealand 0800 764 766.

Classification

Restricted Veterinary Medicine (RVM). Only available under veterinary authorisation.

Registration Number

ACVM Registration No. A007492

References

¹ Barragry, Thomas B, 1994, Veterinary Drug Therapy, p134

² Booth NH & McDonald LE, 1982, Veterinary Pharmacology & Therapeutics (5th Ed), p597