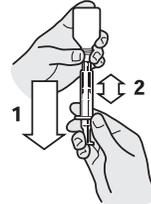


Metacam® **0.5 mg/ml****oral suspension for cats
and guinea pigs****Meloxicam** **Boehringer
Ingelheim****Marketing authorisation holder and
manufacturer responsible for batch release**Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica GmbH
55216 Ingelheim/Rhein
Germany**Active substance**One ml contains:
Meloxicam 0.5 mg
(equivalent to 0.017 mg per drop)Yellowish viscous oral suspension with a green
tinge.**Indications****Cats:** Alleviation of mild to moderate post-
operative pain and inflammation following
surgical procedures in cats, e.g. orthopaedic
and soft tissue surgery.Alleviation of pain and inflammation in acute
and chronic musculo-skeletal disorders in cats.**Guinea pigs:** Alleviation of mild to moderate
post-operative pain associated with soft tissue
surgery such as male castration.**Contraindications**Do not use in pregnant or lactating animals.
Do not use in cats suffering from
gastrointestinal disorders such as irritation and
haemorrhage, impaired hepatic, cardiac or
renal function and haemorrhagic disorders.
Do not use in cases of hypersensitivity to the
active substance or to any of the excipients.
Do not use in cats less than 6 weeks of age.
Do not use in guinea pigs less than 4 weeks
of age.**Adverse reactions**In cats, typical adverse reactions of non-ster-
oidal anti-inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDs) such
as loss of appetite, vomiting, diarrhoea, faecal
occult blood, lethargy and renal failure have
very rarely been reported from post-marketing
safety experience.Gastrointestinal ulceration and elevated liver
enzymes were reported in very rare cases from
post-marketing safety experience.These side effects are in most cases transient
and disappear following termination of the
treatment but in very rare cases may be serious
or fatal.If adverse reactions occur, treatment should be
discontinued and the advice of a veterinarian
should be sought.The frequency of adverse reactions is defined
using the following convention:

- very common (more than 1 in 10 animals
treated displaying adverse reactions during)
- common (more than 1 but less than
10 animals in 100 animals treated)
- uncommon (more than 1 but less than
10 animals in 1,000 animals treated)
- rare (more than 1 but less than 10 animals
in 10,000 animals treated)
- very rare (less than 1 animal in 10,000
animals treated, including isolated reports).

If you notice any side effects, even those not
already listed in this package leaflet or you think
that the medicine has not worked, please in-
form your veterinary surgeon.**Target species**

Cats and guinea pigs

**Dosage for each species, route and method of
administration****Cats****Dosage****Post-operative pain and inflammation following
surgical procedures**After initial treatment with Metacam® 2 mg/ml
solution for injection for cats, continue
treatment 24 hours later with Metacam®
0.5 mg/ml oral suspension for cats at a dosage
of 0.05 mg meloxicam/kg body weight. The oral
follow-up dose may be administered once daily
(at 24-hour intervals) for up to 4 days.**Acute musculo-skeletal disorders**Initial treatment is a single oral dose of 0.2 mg
meloxicam/kg body weight on the first day.
Treatment is to be continued once daily by oral
administration (at 24-hour intervals) at a dose
of 0.05 mg meloxicam/kg body weight for as
long as acute pain and inflammation persist.**Chronic musculo-skeletal disorders**Initial treatment is a single oral dose of 0.1 mg
meloxicam/kg body weight on the first day.
Treatment is to be continued once daily by oral
administration (at 24-hour intervals) at a
maintenance dose of 0.05 mg meloxicam/kg
body weight.A clinical response is normally seen within
7 days. Treatment should be discontinued after
14 days at the latest if no clinical improvement
is apparent.**Route and method of administration**To be administered orally either mixed with
food or directly into the mouth.The suspension can be given using the drop
dispenser of the bottle for cats of any body
weight. Alternatively and for cats with a body
weight of at least 2 kg, the measuring syringe
provided in the package can be used.
Particular care should be taken with regard to
the accuracy of dosing.The recommended dose should not be
exceeded.**Dosing procedure using the drop dispenser of
the bottle**Dose of 0.2 mg meloxicam/kg body weight:
12 drops /kg body weight.Dose of 0.1 mg meloxicam/kg body weight:
6 drops /kg body weight.Dose of 0.05 mg meloxicam/kg body weight:
3 drops /kg body weight.**Dosing procedure using the measuring syringe**The syringe fits onto the drop dispenser of the
bottle and has a kg-body weight scale which
corresponds to the dose of 0.05 mg
meloxicam/kg bodyweight. Thus for initiation of
the treatment of chronic musculo-skeletal
disorders on the first day, twice the
maintenance volume will be required.For initiation of the treatment of acute musculo-
skeletal disorders on the first day, 4 times the
maintenance volume will be required.Shake bottle well.
Push down and unscrew
bottle top. Attach the
dosing syringe to the
drop dispenser of the
bottle by gently pushing.Turn the bottle/syringe
upside down. Pull the
plunger out until the black
line on the plunger corresponds
to your cat's bodyweight in
kilograms.Turn the bottle right way
up and with a twisting
movement separate the
dosing syringe from the
bottleBy pushing the plunger in
empty the contents of the
syringe onto the food or
directly into the mouth.

Guinea pigs

Dosage

Post-operative pain associated with soft tissue surgery

Initial treatment is a single oral dose of 0.2 mg meloxicam/kg body weight on day 1 (pre-surgery). Treatment is to be continued once daily by oral administration (at 24-hours intervals) at a dose of 0.1 mg meloxicam/kg body weight on day 2 to day 3 (post-surgery).

The dose can, at the discretion of the veterinarian, be titrated up to 0.5 mg/kg in individual cases. The safety of doses exceeding 0.6 mg/kg has, however, not been evaluated in guinea pigs.

Route and method of administration

The suspension should be given directly into the mouth using a standard 1 ml syringe graduated with ml scale and 0.01 ml increments.

Dose of 0.2 mg meloxicam/kg body weight:
0.4 ml/kg body weight

Dose of 0.1 mg meloxicam/kg body weight:
0.2 ml/kg body weight

Use a small container (e.g. a teaspoon) and drop Metacam® oral suspension into the container (it is advised to dispense a few drops more than required into the small container). Use a standard 1 ml syringe to draw up Metacam® according to the bodyweight of the guinea pig. Administer Metacam® with the syringe directly into the mouth of the guinea pig. Wash the small container with water and dry prior to the next use.

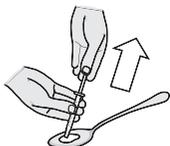
Do not use the cat syringe with the kg-body weight scale and the cat pictogram for guinea pigs.



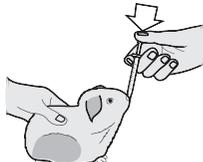
Shake bottle well. Push down and unscrew bottle top.



Use a small container (e.g. a teaspoon) and drop Metacam® oral suspension into the container (it is advised to dispense a few drops more than required into the small container).



Use the 1 ml standard syringe and draw up the required volume of Metacam® oral suspension which corresponds to the body weight of the guinea pig.



By pushing the plunger in empty the contents of the syringe directly into the mouth of the guinea pig.

Advice on correct administration

Please carefully follow the instructions of the veterinarian. Shake well before use. Avoid introduction of contamination during use.

Withdrawal period

Not applicable.

Special storage precautions

Keep out of the sight and reach of children. This veterinary medicinal product does not require any special storage conditions.

Shelf life after first opening the container:
3 ml bottle: 14 days

10 ml, 15 ml and 30 ml bottles: 6 months.

Do not use this veterinary medicinal product after the expiry date which is stated on the carton and the vial after EXP.

Special warnings

Special precautions for use in animals

Avoid use in any dehydrated, hypovolaemic or hypotensive animal, as there is a potential risk of renal toxicity.

Post-operative use in cats and guinea pigs

In case additional pain relief is required, multimodal pain therapy should be considered.

Chronic musculoskeletal disorders in cats

Response to long-term therapy should be monitored at regular intervals by a veterinary surgeon.

Special precautions to be taken by the person administering the veterinary medicinal product to animals

People with known hypersensitivity to NSAIDs should avoid contact with the veterinary medicinal product.

In case of accidental ingestion, seek medical advice immediately and show this package leaflet or the label to the physician.

This product can cause eye irritation. In case of contact with the eyes, immediately rinse thoroughly with water.

Pregnancy and lactation

See section "Contraindications".

Interactions with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction

Other NSAIDs, diuretics, anticoagulants, aminoglycoside antibiotics and substances with high protein binding may compete for binding and thus lead to toxic effects.

Metacam® must not be administered in conjunction with other NSAIDs or glucocorticosteroids. Concurrent administration of potential nephrotoxic drugs should be avoided.

In cats, pre-treatment with anti-inflammatory substances other than Metacam® 2 mg/ml solution for injection for cats at a single dose of 0.2 mg/kg may result in additional or increased adverse effects and accordingly a treatment-free period with such veterinary medicinal products should be observed for at least 24 hours before commencement of treatment. The treatment-free period, however, should take into account the pharmacological properties of the products used previously.

Overdose (symptoms, emergency procedures, antidotes)

Meloxicam has a narrow therapeutic safety margin in cats and clinical signs of overdose may be seen at relatively small overdose levels.

In case of overdose, adverse reactions, as listed in section "Adverse reactions", are expected to be more severe and more frequent. In case of overdose symptomatic treatment should be initiated.

In guinea pigs, an overdose of 0.6 mg/kg body weight administered during 3 days followed by a dose of 0.3 mg/kg during 6 additional days did not cause adverse events typical for meloxicam. The safety of doses exceeding 0.6 mg/kg has not been evaluated in guinea pigs.

Special precautions for the disposal of unused product or waste materials

Medicines should not be disposed of via wastewater or household waste. Ask your veterinary surgeon how to dispose of medicines no longer required. These measures should help to protect the environment.

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Detailed information on this veterinary medicinal product is available on the website of the European Medicines Agency <http://www.emea.europa.eu/>.

Other information

3 ml, 10 ml, 15 ml or 30 ml bottle.

Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

For animal treatment only.

POM

IE: Prescription Only Medicine

POM-V

UK: To be supplied only on veterinary prescription.