

Metacam® 1.5 mg/ml oral suspension for dogs and Metacam® 0.5 mg/ml oral suspension for cats - sub-dispensing information

Where it is possible for you to obtain a supply of the appropriate size of Metacam® oral suspension this is always the preferred option. Where this is not possible we understand that you may wish to sub-dispense from larger bottles which are licensed for the appropriate species. Whilst the long-term stability of Metacam® oral suspension has only been assessed within the original packaging, over the years we have received many anecdotal reports of it being sub-dispensed and we are not aware of any issues associated with this.

As with any medication dispensed outside of its original packaging, Metacam® oral suspension should be provided in an appropriate child-proof container (ideally opaque, like the original bottle) and appropriately labelled. For further information on dispensing medications and labelling, please refer to the Veterinary Medicines Regulations and the RCVS Guidelines (UK) or the Animal Remedies Regulations and the Veterinary Council (Ireland). Sufficient written information must be provided to the pet owner to enable safe use and to help facilitate this, an electronic copy of the package leaflets can be accessed at: bit.ly/BIAHSupport

If possible, when sub-dispensing we recommend providing the pet owner with the appropriate Metacam® dosing syringe to help ensure accurate dosing. Dosing syringes for small dogs (<10 kg) can be obtained from your wholesaler. If you require additional dosing syringes for dogs over 10 kg or for cats please contact your Boehringer Ingelheim territory manager. To help protect the supply of syringes, where a pet owner already has a Metacam dosing syringe for the pet that is being treated, we recommend requesting that they keep it provided the writing on it is still clear. If you are unable to obtain an appropriate sized Metacam® dosing syringe then an appropriately sized regular syringe may be used alongside carefully explained and written instructions for the owner on the total volume required per dose. This is always important, but especially so when a pet owner has previously used the weight-calibrated syringes and therefore may not automatically realise the difference. The volume required per dose can be calculated using the following information:

Metacam® 1.5 mg/ml oral suspension for dogs:

Initial dose (day one) (0.2 mg/kg) = 0.13 ml per kg of body weight

Routine maintenance dose (0.1 mg/kg) = 0.07 ml per kg of body weight

Metacam® 0.5 mg/ml oral suspension for cats:

Initial dose (day one) - acute musculoskeletal disorders (0.2 mg/kg) = 0.4 ml per kg bodyweight

Initial dose (day one) - chronic musculoskeletal disorders (0.1 mg/kg) = 0.2 ml per kg of bodyweight

Routine maintenance dose (0.05 mg/kg) = 0.1 ml per kg of body weight



Further information regarding the dispensing and labelling of medications can be found at:

UK:

The RCVS code of Professional Conduct for Veterinary Surgeons:

<https://www.rcvs.org.uk/setting-standards/advice-and-guidance/code-of-professional-conduct-for-veterinary-surgeons/supporting-guidance/veterinary-medicines/>

The Veterinary Medicines Regulations: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/veterinary-medicines-regulations>

Ireland:

The Veterinary Council: <https://www.vci.ie/>

The Animal Remedies Regulations:

<http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2007/si/786/made/en/print>

Further information

We hope this information is useful. You may also wish to visit the Boehringer Academy, which now provides even more information relating to Boehringer's products and the related disease areas. You can use the smart search facility to find answers to your questions, watch bitesize videos between your consultations or view high quality and independent CPD webinars at a time that is convenient to you. The Boehringer Academy can be accessed by visiting www.boehringer-academy.co.uk.



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If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to call our Technical Services Team on 01344 746957 (UK) or 01 291 3985 (IE) or email vetenquiries@boehringer-ingelheim.com.

We also provide a 24/7 emergency advice service. If you have an emergency outside office hours, just call one of the numbers above and follow the instructions.



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