

Felbamate

Felbatol, Felbamyl and Taloxa are another names for this medication.

How Is This Medication Useful?

- Felbamate is used to treat dogs with epilepsy, along with other anti-seizure medications.

Are There Conditions or Times When Its Use Might Cause More Harm Than Good?

- Felbamate should probably not be used in pregnant or nursing mothers unless the benefit of use outweighs the risk of adverse effects.
- Felbamate should be used with caution in dogs with liver disease.
- If your animal has any of the above conditions, talk to your veterinarian about the potential risks of using the medication versus the benefits that it might have.

What Side Effects Can Be Seen With Its Use?

- Felbamate can rarely cause sleepiness, like most of the other antiseizure drugs.
- Felbamate can cause tremors and stiffness in the rear limbs at high doses.
- Felbamate can cause increased salivation, restlessness and agitation at high doses.
- This drug is irritating to the gastrointestinal tract and can cause vomiting. Giving with food may decrease this effect.
- Felbamate can cause liver problems, especially when given in combination with other antiseizure drugs such as Phenobarbital which can also do this. If your dog becomes ill, or develops a yellow tinge to the skin while taking this drug, contact your veterinarian immediately.

How Should It Be Given?

- Felbamate should be given with food.
- The successful outcome of your animal's treatment with this medication depends upon your commitment and ability to administer it exactly as the veterinarian has prescribed. Please do not skip doses or stop giving the medication. If you have difficulty giving doses consult your veterinarian or pharmacist who can offer administration techniques or change the dosage form to a type of medication that may be more acceptable to you and your animal.
- If you miss a dose of this medication you should give it as soon as you remember it, and give the next scheduled dose next time it is due.
- Some other drugs can interact with this medication so tell your veterinarian about any drugs or foods that you currently give your animal. Do not give new foods or medications without first asking your veterinarian.
- Dogs and Cats: Dogs usually receive this drug orally twice to three times daily for life.

What Other Information Is Important About This Medication?

- Felbamate should be stored in a childproof container away from all children and other household pets.