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ACEPROMAZINE **(Brand Name: Promace)**

STRENGTH: 10 mg, 25 mg Tablets

ROUTE OF ADMINISTRATION: ORAL. May be given with or without food.

ACTION OF MEDICATION: Antihistamine of the phenothiazine class developed to enhance drowsiness effects for use as tranquilizer. Also anti-nauseal.

MOST COMMON SIDE EFFECTS REPORTED: Third eyelids will likely come up.

SEVERE SIDE EFFECTS REPORTED: Drop in blood pressure which could manifest as collapse and could be hard to distinguish from the desired sedative effect. This would be rare side effect. Occasionally a paradoxical reaction occurs where a patient will become more aggressive on acepromazine. This is also a rare side effect. Acepromazine may lower seizure threshold making it easier for seizures to occur. There is controversy regarding whether this is true.

STORAGE: Keep away from light and store at room temperature. Do not refrigerate.

IF YOU MISS A DOSE: Do not double up on the next dose. Simply give the medication when it is remembered or pick up with the next dose, allowing at least the proper interval between doses according to the label instructions.

OTHER INFORMATION: Acepromazine lasts up to 8 hours. Be sure you understand dosing instructions as degree of sedation effect is highly variable between individuals so some dose experimentation may be needed.

Dogs with the MDR1 mutation may have more pronounced sedation. These are usually members of the collie family (Australian shepherds, collies, etc.). Other breeds reportedly sensitive to acepromazine include boxers and greyhounds, though there is controversy in this.

Drug interactions are possible. For details, see the link below.

For a more detailed presentation, visit:

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