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ALPRAZOLAM

(BRAND NAME: Xanax)

STRENGTH: 0.25 mg, 0.5 mg, 1 mg, 2 mg or 3 mg tablets and oral suspension.

ROUTE OF ADMINISTRATION: ORAL

May be given with or without food.

ACTION OF MEDICATION: Benzodiazepine tranquilizer. Mostly used for panic disorders in dogs or inappropriate urination in cats.

MOST COMMON SIDE EFFECTS REPORTED: Increased appetite, sedation.

SEVERE SIDE EFFECTS REPORTED: Paradoxical aggression (meaning that instead of tranquilization, energetic aggression is unexpectedly produced). Physical dependence is possible with long term use.

STORAGE: Keep away from light and store at room temperature.

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: Numerous negative drug interactions are possible. Implicated medications include: drugs for high blood pressure, "azole" antifungals, carbonic anhydrase inhibitors (commonly used orally for treatment of glaucoma), theophylline. See link below for more details on drug interactions.

If using for panic, try to give medication 30-60 minutes before trigger.

For a more detailed presentation, visit:

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