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AMITRIPTYLINE

(BRAND NAME: Elavil)

STRENGTH: 10 mg, 25 mg, 75 mg, 100 mg and 150 mg Tablets

ROUTE OF ADMINISTRATION: ORAL.

May be given with or without food.

ACTION OF MEDICATION: Amitriptyline is a tricyclic antidepressant. It works by increasing serotonin and norepinephrine in the brain. It also has properties as an antihistamine.

MOST COMMON SIDE EFFECTS REPORTED: Sedation, Constipation, Urinary Retention, and Dry Mouth (often manifested by an increase in water consumption).

SEVERE SIDE EFFECTS REPORTED: Seizures, Fever, Heart arrhythmia, Abnormal bleeding

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: Amitriptyline is removed from the body by the liver. Patients with liver disease may have altered metabolism of this medication. Caution has been recommended for use of this medication in patients with "Dry Eye," pre-existing heart rhythm problems, glaucoma, thyroid disease, adrenal tumors.

It can take up to several weeks to determine if amitriptyline is working. There are numerous drug interactions so be sure your doctor has a complete list of your pet's medications including tick-control products and supplements.

This medication should not be discontinued abruptly. If amitriptyline is to be discontinued, this should be done gradually over a couple of weeks.

For a more detailed presentation, visit:

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