CARPROFEN

(Brand names: Rimadyl, Novox, Carprieve and others)

STRENGTH: 25 mg, 75 mg, 100 mg caplets and chewable flavored tablets.

ROUTE OF ADMINISTRATION: Oral. Can be given with or without food, see label for instructions.

USE ONLY IN DOGS!

ACTION OF MEDICATION: Non-Steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID), COX preferential type (meaning it inhibits harmful prostaglandins much more than it inhibits helpful prostaglandins). Used for pain management in both long and short term situations.

SIDE EFFECTS ARE NOT COMMON WITH THIS MEDICATION BUT YOU SHOULD KNOW WHAT TO WATCH FOR

MOST COMMON SIDE EFFECTS REPORTED: Vomiting, diarrhea, appetite loss. Serious side effects are unusual.

SEVERE SIDE EFFECTS REPORTED: Liver failure can result as a rare but serious reaction in 1 out of 5000 dogs. This manifests as vomiting, diarrhea, appetite loss (the same as non-serious side effects. Tests may be needed to distinguish the non-serious from the serious situation so if any GI issues are noted, discontinue the medication and inform your veterinarian's office.

Under certain circumstances, this medication can create stomach ulcers or may make pre-exisiting stomach ulcers worse.

STORAGE: Keep away from light. Store at room temperature. Chewable tablets may be tasty so be sure to control access.

IF YOU MISS A DOSE: Do not double up on the next dose. If less than 8 hours have passed since the dose was due, administer as normal. If more than 8 hours have passed, pick up with the next dose.

For a more detailed presentation, visit the main pharmacy page for this drug at: