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DIPHENHYDRAMINE

**(Brand Names:
Benadryl, Vetadryl)**

STRENGTH: 30 mg veterinary chewable tablets, 25 and 50 mg capsules are most common human formulation, also other formulations including oral syrup

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

ACTION OF MEDICATION: H1 blocker type antihistamine. Main desired effects are anti-allergy effects, sedation, anti-nausea (dogs only).

MOST COMMON SIDE EFFECTS REPORTED: Sedation (which is sometimes the desired effect), Anticholinergic effects (constipation, dry mouth, urinary retention), diarrhea, vomiting, appetite loss. Effects are generally mild if present.

SEVERE SIDE EFFECTS REPORTED: Occasionally a cat will have a hyper-excitement reaction requiring confinement.

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: See link below for drug interactions and other cautions.

For a more detailed presentation, visit:

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