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ENALAPRIL (Brand Name: Vasotec)

STRENGTH: 2.5mg, 5mg, 10mg, 20mg

tablets and oral liquid

ROUTE OF ADMINISTRATION: ORAL

May be given with or without food.

ACTION OF MEDICATION: Enalapril is an Angiotensin Converting Enzyme Inhibitor (also called "ACE Inhibitor" or "ACEI.") Enalapril is used to control urinary protein loss, in treatment of heart failure, and in treatment of high blood pressure. Enalapril alters blood flow through the kidneys; expect monitoring tests to be needed.

MOST COMMON SIDE EFFECTS REPORTED: Appetite loss, vomiting, diarrhea. These effects are typically mitigated by offering some food with the medication.

SEVERE SIDE EFFECTS REPORTED: Kidney function can be altered by this medication so it is important to follow the proper monitoring test schedule. Listlessness, persistent appetite loss, persistent vomiting or diarrhea should be reported. Collapse or unusual tiredness could indicate an excessive drop in blood pressure which should also be reported. In any of these situations, discontinue enalapril until your veterinarian can instruct you further.

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 and schedule the next dose accordingly.

OTHER INFORMATION: Be sure your veterinarian is aware of all medications and supplements your pet is taking as there can be interactions with enalapril. Be sure you understand when to return for monitoring tests.

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