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FLUOXETINE

(Brand Names: Reconcile, Prozac)

STRENGTH: Human products: 10mg, 15 mg, 20 mg Tablets;
10 mg, 20 mg, 40 mg, and 90 mg Capsules; Oral Liquid
Veterinary products: 8 mg, 16 mg, 32 mg, 64 mg Chewable Tablets

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

ACTION OF MEDICATION: Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitor (increases brain serotonin activity).

MOST COMMON SIDE EFFECTS REPORTED: Reduced appetite (generally solved by reducing the dose and working back up to the therapeutic dose), vomiting (generally mitigated by administering medication with food), sedation.

SEVERE SIDE EFFECTS REPORTED: Tremors and seizures, persistent appetite loss, increased aggression or anxious behavior.

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: Several weeks of use are required to determine effectiveness. This medication should not be abruptly discontinued. If more than 8 weeks of use have passed, take 3-5 weeks to taper the fluoxetine dose down before discontinuing. Allow a 6 week "wash out" period before starting a new medication that could interact with fluoxetine. See link below for list of medication interactions. Can alter blood sugars and interfere with diabetes regulation.

This medication is most effective when used in conjunction with a training program such as the B.O.N.D. program for canine separation anxiety:

www.reconcile.com/bond-training-information/

Serotonin Syndrome is possible with concurrent use of fluoxetine with trazodone, tramadol, St. John's wort, amitraz containing tick control products, selegiline, or buspirone. See link for more details.

For a more detailed presentation, visit:

www.marvistavet.com/fluoxetine.pml