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FUROSEMIDE **(Brand Names:** **Lasix, Salix, Disal)**

STRENGTH: 12.5 mg, 20 mg, 40 mg, 50 mg,
80 mg Tablets, oral solution

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

ACTION OF MEDICATION: Loop Diuretic (changes electrolyte balance and increases urine production). Commonly used in the treatment of heart failure, high blood calcium levels, and high blood potassium levels. Also has some ability to dilate airways and is sometimes used in the treatment of chronic bronchitis.

MOST COMMON SIDE EFFECTS REPORTED: Dehydration and possibly increased thirst to go along. Low blood potassium levels (monitoring tests will be periodically recommended). Low potassium would manifest as general weakness. Increased urination is the goal effect so not exactly a side effect.

SEVERE SIDE EFFECTS REPORTED: Can be toxic to the ear and can impair hearing especially in cats when high doses are used. Dehydration, as noted above is generally mild, however, if severe, dehydration can be serious.

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: Oral dosing should have an obvious effect in 30-60 minutes. There is potential for drug interactions. See the link below for details.

For a more detailed presentation, visit:

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