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# GLIPIZIDE

**(BRAND NAME: Glucotrol)**

**STRENGTH:** 5 mg and 10 mg Tablets

**ROUTE OF ADMINISTRATION:** Oral.

Best if given with food. Works best if the diet is low in carbohydrates.

**ACTION OF MEDICATION:** Oral hypoglycemic agent used in the treatment of Diabetes Mellitus in cats (and humans). Works by increasing insulin secretion.

**MOST COMMON SIDE EFFECTS:** 15% of cats will experience vomiting, diarrhea or reduced appetite. This generally subsides after 2-5 days and should not be severe. 15% of cats will experience a drop in blood sugar that is not extreme but will require dose adjustment.

**SEVERE SIDE EFFECTS:** Rarely the drop in blood sugar will be extreme (symptoms would include drowsiness, incoordination, even tremors or seizures). Approximately 8% of cats will experience significant liver disease. Monitoring blood tests are very important in early detection when the condition is most reversible. Amyloid (an abnormal protein) deposition in the pancreas is possible and can make the diabetes worse. Complete loss of appetite can be a side effect. This is very dangerous for a diabetic patient and should be reported at once.

**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:** Glucose and liver enzyme monitoring are very important. Expect weekly monitoring for the first month or so. Only some diabetic cats will have a positive response to this medication.

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