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ITRACONAZOLE

(Brand Names: Itrafungol, Sporonox)

STRENGTH: 100 mg and 200 mg capsules, oral suspension.

ROUTE OF ADMINISTRATION: ORAL. The suspension may be given with or without food in cats but is best with food in other species. The capsules are best given with food.

ACTION OF MEDICATION: Interferes with production and maintenance of fungal cell wall.

MOST COMMON SIDE EFFECTS REPORTED: Reduced appetite and vomiting are the most common side effects. Since these are the first signs of liver toxicity (a dose dependent problem with this medication), any patient showing these symptoms should have testing for liver disease (see below). Reduced appetite and vomiting may or may not represent a serious side effect.

SEVERE SIDE EFFECTS REPORTED: Liver disease/liver toxicity. If a patient with reduced appetite or vomiting tests positive for liver disease, itraconazole should be discontinued until the problem has resolved. Itraconazole may be restarted at a lower dose. Liver toxicity occurs in 5-10% of dogs on this medication and is generally reversible and managed as above. Ulcerative skin lesions are more serious. If these occur, a different medication should be employed.

STORAGE: Itraconazole should be stored at room temperature and should be protected from light.

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: Antacids can interfere with absorption of itraconazole and should be given 1 hour or more before or 2 hours or more after the itraconazole. Itraconazole increases the toxicity potential of CBD products. In fact, the list of potential drug interactions is very long so be sure your veterinarian is aware of all medications your pet is taking.

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