## **LEVETIRACETAM**

(BRAND NAME: Keppra and others)

**STRENGTH:** 50 mg, 500 mg, 750 mg, and 1000 mg Tablets 500 mg and 750 mg Extended Release Tablets. An Oral suspension is also available.

**ROUTE OF ADMINISTRATION: ORAL** 

May be given with or without food. Extended Release Tablets may not be broken nor chewed.

**ACTION OF MEDICATION:** Anti-seizure medication, given three times daily. Extended Release Tablets may be given twice daily.

**MOST COMMON SIDE EFFECTS REPORTED:** Temporary sedation or listlessness. Temporary appetite reduction or drooling in cats.

**SEVERE SIDE EFFECTS REPORTED:** Agitation or Aggression.

**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 or pick up with the next dose, allowing at least the proper interval between doses according to the label instructions.

**OTHER INFORMATION:** Concurrent use with phenobarbital tends to increase metabolism of levetiracetam meaning that progressively higher doses of levetiracetam may be needed for the same antiseizure effectiveness. This has been more of an issue in dogs than cats. Do not suddenly discontinue this medication as withdrawal seizures may result.

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