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LOPERAMIDE

(BRAND NAME: Immodium AD)

STRENGTH: 2 mg Tablets, Oral Liquid.

ROUTE OF ADMINISTRATION: ORAL

May be given with or without food.

ACTION OF MEDICATION: Opioid anti-diarrheal. Acts by improving muscle tone in GI tract essentially holding material in place so that proper fluid absorption occurs. Also has use in fecal incontinence.

MOST COMMON SIDE EFFECTS REPORTED: Constipation, gas distension, sedation. These are generally not serious but if severe should be reported promptly. Cats sometimes become excessively excited Dogs with the MDR1 mutation may experience neurologic incoordination, dilated pupils, sedation and drooling (see below)..

SEVERE SIDE EFFECTS REPORTED: If diarrhea associated toxins are held in place, they can be absorbed into the body. This medication is not for use in toxic or infectious disease diarrhea settings. Gas distension has potential to become a bloat emergency. Pancreatitis is possible.

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: This medication can be toxic to dogs with the MDR1 mutation (typically members of the collie family or other white-footed herding breeds). Genetic testing for this mutation is available. For more details, see the link below.

For a more detailed presentation, visit:

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