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LORATADINE

(Brand Name: Claritin)

STRENGTH: 5 mg and 10 mg Tablets, and Syrup.

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

ACTION OF MEDICATION: Piperidine class antihistamine. "New generation" antihistamine which means that it should not cause drowsiness.

MOST COMMON SIDE EFFECTS REPORTED: Dry mouth, dry eyes.

SEVERE SIDE EFFECTS REPORTED: None known.

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: It can take at least 2 weeks to tell if it is working with regard to itchy skin. Antihistamines are best used long term to reduce the severity of allergic flare ups when they occur. They are not particularly helpful short term.

There are several human preparations which are not appropriate for animal use. See the link below for details.

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