## **ORBIFLOXACIN** (Brand Name: Orbax)

**STRENGTH**: 5.7 mg, 22.7 mg, 68mg Tablets, and flavored oral suspension

**ROUTE OF ADMINISTRATION: ORAL** 

Best given without food.

**ACTION OF MEDICATION:** Fluoroguinolone class antibiotic.

MOST COMMON SIDE EFFECTS REPORTED: Side effects are not common.

**SEVERE SIDE EFFECTS REPORTED:** Vomiting, diarrhea, reduced appetite, and (in cats) drooling. If these occur, they can be mitigated by giving the medication with a small amount of food (no dairy products, however).

**STORAGE:** Keep away from light and store at room temperature. Do not refrigerate. **SHAKE THE ORAL SUSPENSION BOTTLE BEFORE USE**.

**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:** Do not use cheese as a treat with this medication as the calcium will bind the orbifloxacin. If the pet is taking any medications containing calcium, iron, magnesium, or aluminum, a two hour period should separate the administration of these medicines with orbifloxacin. If you are unsure, check with your veterinarian. There are several drug interactions to be aware of (sucralfate, theophylline, and cyclosporine are most important).

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