



# Mar Vista Animal Medical Center

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## **THEOPHYLLINE** **(Brand Names: Theo-24, Theochron, Many others)**

**STRENGTH:** 100 mg, 200 mg, 300 mg, 400 mg, 450 mg, and 600 mg Tablets

**ROUTE OF ADMINISTRATION:** ORAL. May be given with or without food. Fatty treats or meals can enhance absorption and increase the risk of toxicity. Do not crush tablets.

**ACTION OF MEDICATION:** Airway dilator, supportive to respiratory clearance of debris, supports respiratory muscles.

**MOST COMMON SIDE EFFECTS REPORTED:** Increased urination, restlessness (usually temporary). Nausea is possible but generally mitigated by giving the medication with food.

**SEVERE SIDE EFFECTS REPORTED:** The "jitters" that can occur can induce seizures in patients so predisposed. Increases in heart rate can occur which could be an issue for patients with pre-existing arrhythmias. Increases in stomach acid secretion can be an issue for patients with pre-existing stomach ulcers.

**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:** Many drug interactions. See the link below for more details.

For a more detailed presentation, visit:

<https://www.marvistavet.com/theophylline.pml>