



Client Information Leaflet

Keep this leaflet safe, as you may need to refer to it again. Please ask your vet if you have any further questions.

This medicine has been prescribed for your horse ONLY. Do not take it yourself or give it to another person or any other animal; it may harm them even if their symptoms appear to be the same and could result in inadvertent contravention of Horse Passport legislation.

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Paracetamol

This medicine has been prescribed or given for your horse or donkey. Although it is not licensed for use in these species it is being used under the prescribing cascade.

What is paracetamol? Paracetamol is a painkiller drug that may be used alongside other painkiller medicines in horses with severe pain.

Why has my horse been prescribed paracetamol? Paracetamol is used in horses where traditional painkillers are ineffective in controlling severe pain.

How should I store and handle paracetamol? For safety, all medicines should be kept out of the reach and sight of children. There are no special storage requirements. Please wash your hands after handling this product or wear gloves when administering it to your horse.

If you have cats, ensure that they have no access to paracetamol since it can be fatal to them.

What should I do if I run out of paracetamol? Usually your vet will dispense the correct amount of the product. If you run out, you should contact your veterinary surgeon to complete the course as soon as possible.

What should I do if I accidentally overdose my horse? Contact your vet. Large doses can cause liver damage and your vet may recommend blood samples to determine whether this has occurred.

What should I do if I miss a dose? If a dose is missed just give the next dose at the normal time. **DO NOT** give a double dose to make up for the missed dose.

If my horse is not improving what should I do?

Contact your veterinary surgeon who will review whether this is the correct drug for your horse.

Can my horse take paracetamol along with other medicines?

Tell your vet if you are giving your horse any other medicines. It is common to use this medicine alongside other painkillers, but ensure your vet knows what these are.

What do I need to record in my horse's passport?

This medicine is not authorised for use in horses intended for human consumption. Section IX of your horse's passport must be signed to ensure it is permanently excluded from the human food chain.

What are the possible side effects of paracetamol in my horse? Some horses will go off their food, this can often be managed by crushing the tablets, dissolving them and syringing the product directly into the horse's mouth. Refrigerating the medicine may improve palatability. If your horse stops eating completely or becomes depressed, you should **contact vet immediately and stop administering the product.**

What should I do if a person accidentally takes this medicine? If an adult takes more than 2 tablets you should urgently contact medical assistance by calling for an ambulance (call 999). Failure to immediately contact the emergency services can lead to life threatening consequences. **Please read the package insert intended for human use of this product for more information.**



The prescribing cascade: This medicine is authorised for use in human patients or other animal species and is used by vets under the 'prescribing cascade'. Your vet can explain this in further detail and explain why they are prescribing this drug for your horse. If you do not agree to the use of this medicine in your horse you should discuss this before administration.