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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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Altrenogest Injection

This medicine has been prescribed or given for your horse or donkey. It is not a licensed medicine and is provided as a 'Special Veterinary Medicine' meaning that it has been formulated under strict production controls to ensure purity of the product.

What is Altrenogest? Altrenogest mimics the action of endogenous progesterone inducing a hormonal state similar to pregnancy. It is used to regulate the oestrus cycle and as an aid in the maintenance of pregnancy in mares.

Why has my horse been prescribed Altrenogest? Altrenogest suppresses normal oestrus cycling, and the associated sexual behaviour, and blocks follicle development by impairing cyclical release of gonadotropins. Altrenogest supplements endogenous progesterone in pregnancy.

Why has my horse been prescribed a veterinary special formulation of altrenogest?
An oral formulation of altrenogest is licenced for use in horses and is used unless there is good clinical reason not to. It is a product that the profession has considerable experience of using and evidence for its efficacy in this clinical setting. This reasons for using this formulation will be explained by your veterinary surgeon.

How should I store and handle Altrenogest? For safety, all medicines should be kept out of the reach and sight of children. This product should be kept refrigerated and will usually be injected by your veterinary surgeon. Pregnant women and women of childbearing age should avoid handling this medication.

What should I do if I run out of Altrenogest? Usually your vet will dispense the correct amount of the product. If you run out, you should contact your veterinary surgeon.

What should I do if I accidentally overdose my horse? Contact your veterinary surgeon. Altrenogest has a wide therapeutic margin and overdose is rarely problematic

What should I do if I miss a dose? If a dose is missed, you should contact your veterinary surgeon.

If my horse is better, what should I do with the remaining medicine? You should contact your veterinary surgeon before changing the dose, or stopping the medication.

If my horse is not improving what should I do?
Contact your veterinary surgeon who will review whether this is the correct medication for your horse.

Can my horse get Altrenogest along with other medicines?
Tell your veterinary surgeon if you are giving your horse any other medicines.

What do I need to record in my horse's passport?
This is a veterinary special medicine and therefore this product is not licensed for use in the horse. This product is permitted to be used in animals intended for human consumption by its inclusion in appropriate legislation, although if your horse has not been signed out of the food chain in their passport you need to keep a record of this medicine. A safe withdrawal period has not been determined for this specific product and if appropriate you should discuss this with your veterinary surgeon.

What are the possible side effects of Altrenogest in my horse? Side effects are uncommon with Altrenogest. If you observe any side effects, contact your vet immediately and stop administering the product.

What should I do if a person accidentally takes this medicine? If a person accidentally takes this medicine you should contact NHS direct (telephone 111) or take the person to a local hospital taking this leaflet and the medication with you.

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.