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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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Dantrolene

This medicine has been prescribed or given for your horse or donkey. The drug is called Dantrolene and may have trade names such as Dantrium although other formulations may be dispensed by your veterinary surgeon. Although it is not licensed for use in these species it is being used under the prescribing cascade.

What is dantrolene? Dantrolene inhibits the release of calcium inside muscle cells resulting in muscle relaxation. It is used in the treatment of recurrent exertional rhabdomyolysis (RER) or "tying up".

Why has my horse been prescribed dantrolene? Dantrolene can reduce the clinical signs of recurrent exertional rhabdomyolysis (RER).

How should I store and handle dantrolene? For safety all medicines should be kept out of reach and sight of children. There are no special storage requirements.

What should I do if I run out of dantrolene? If you run out, then tell your vet and resume treatment as they recommend.

What should I do if I accidentally overdose my horse? Contact your vet. Clinical signs of dantrolene overdose might include muscle weakness or signs of ataxia ("wobbliness").

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 better, what should I do with the remaining medicine? As with all medications, it is important that the full course is completed. 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 take dantrolene alongside other medication? Tell your vet if you are giving your horse any other medicines.

What do I need to record in my horse's passport? This medicine is not marketed for use in horses intended for human consumption. However current legislation allows it to be used in such horses without the need for residue limits. If your horse has not been excluded from the human food chain, you must keep a record of its use.

What are the possible side effects of dantrolene in my horse? Dantrolene side effects have not been reported in horses but could include weakness or ataxia ("wobbliness"). If you observe any side effects, stop administering the medication immediately and contact your vet.

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 syringe 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.