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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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Pentoxiphylline

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 Pentoxiphylline?
Pentoxiphylline is used to alter blood viscosity, and as an aid in the maintenance of pregnancy in high risk mares.

Why has my horse been prescribed Pentoxiphylline? Pentoxiphylline alters blood viscosity, red blood cell deformability and potentially reduces platelet aggregation.

How should I store and handle Pentoxiphylline? For safety, all medicines should be kept out of the reach and sight of children. No specific storage requirements are needed.

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

What should I do if I accidentally overdose my horse? Contact your veterinary surgeon. Pentoxiphylline 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 veterinarian.

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 Pentoxiphylline 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 medicine is classified as an essential medicine for the treatment of horses, although it is not licensed for use in horses in the EU. If your horse's passport has not been signed to permanently exclude it from the human food chain your veterinary surgeon will need to record the use of this medicine WITHIN THE PASSPORT (not a separate drug record). After the use of quinidine such horses must be excluded from the human food chain for a minimum of six months.

What are the possible side effects of Pentoxiphylline in my horse? Side effects are uncommon with Pentoxiphylline. 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.