

DRUG INFORMATION: Banamine® also known as Flunixin

Why is this prescribed for your pet?

Banamine[®] is used in cattle and horses to control pain and inflammation.

Storage:

This medication should be stored at room temperature in a tight, light-resistant, childproof container. It should be kept away from all children and other household pets. Mixing Banamine in the same syringe with other drugs may inactivate the chemicals in any drugs involved.

How to use this medication:

- For maximum effectiveness, be sure to administer this medication exactly as your veterinarian prescribed it. Do not skip doses and do not stop giving the medication. If you have difficulty administering the medication, consult your veterinarian or pharmacist.
- If you miss a dose, give it as soon as you remember. Do not double doses to make up for missed doses as doubling doses of this medication can be toxic.
- This medication can interact with other drugs. Be sure to tell your veterinarian about any and all food and drugs you currently give your animal. Consult your veterinarian before giving your animal any new food or drugs.
- Dogs and Cats: This medication is generally not given to dogs due to the increased risk of side effects. Do not give this medication to cats due to the risk of kidney damage.
- Horses: This medication is given to horses orally or by injection once or twice daily, for a period of no more than 2-3 days.
- Cattle: If used in meat or dairy cows, your veterinarian will tell you how long to wait before it is safe to use the milk or meat. This medication can cause kidney problems in humans and should be kept out of the food chain.

Side Effects:

- This medication may cause pain and irritation after being injected into the muscle.
- This medication may cause damage to the kidneys, stomach, and blood cells, resulting in kidney failure, ulcers and bleeding problems. When used at the same time as other anti-inflammatory drugs, the risk of these side effects occuring is increased.
- When given orally, give this medication with food to decrease side effects on the stomach.

Additional Information:

• Do not inject this medication into the neck muscles.

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- Do not use this medication in beef cattle, non-lactating dairy cattle, or horses intended for food.
- Do not use this medication in animals with an allergy to it or to other anit-inflammatory agents.
- There any many safer anti-inflammatory drugs available for use in dogs and cats as this medication is extremely toxic to them. This medication should not be used in dogs and cats.
- Use this medication very carefully in animals with kidney problems, stomach ulcers, and bleeding problems because it blocks the formation of enzymes that protect kidneys, stomach, and blood cells.
- If your animal currently has or has had any of the above conditions, speak with your veterinarian about the risks and benefits of using this medication.

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