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## DRUG INFORMATION: Carprofen also known as Rimadyl® and Novox®

### Why is this prescribed for your pet?

Carprofen is used to treat pain and inflammation caused by osteoarthritis, surgery, or injuries in dogs. Carprofen is an NSAID (non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug). It's common for dogs to improve very quickly after receiving this medication.

### Storage:

This medication should be stored at room temperature; do not expose to high heat. The chewable form of this medication may be very appealing to some dogs. Be sure you store it in a safe place to prevent accidental overdose. Keep this medication away from children and other household pets. Carprofen is not considered safe for cats.

### 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.
- 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.
- If you are giving this drug twice daily (every 12 hours), and you miss a dose, give it as soon as you remember or with the next dose.
- If you are giving this drug once daily and you miss a dose, if it is within 12 hours of the missed dose give the dose. Otherwise skip the dose and give the next dose at the regularly scheduled time. Do not double doses if you are giving the medication once a day as it can be toxic to your dog.
- Dogs: Dogs usually receive this medication orally once or twice a day.
- Give this medication with food, or alone. Giving the medication with food may reduce the changes of any stomach problems.

### Side Effects:

- Carprofen is considered safe to use in the vast majority of dogs, and the risk of side effects occurring appears to be less than 1%. Rarely, serious side effects and sometimes death have been reported.
- The most common side effects reported with carprofen use are decreased appetite, vomiting (including blood in the vomit), diarrhea, or blood in the stool. Contact your veterinarian if you notice any of these.
- This medication may effect the kidneys or the liver. Contact your veterinarian if you notice your

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dog's water intake or urinary habits have changed, or if you see any yellowing of the gums, skin or in the white of the eyes.

- Immediately contact your veterinarian if your dog becomes lethargic, uncoordinated, has seizures, or exhibits changes in behavior.

### Additional Information:

- Do not use this medication in animals that are allergic to it, or are severely allergic to other drugs like it.
- Use this drug cautiously, or not at all, if your animal has active stomach or gastrointestinal ulcers, or has had these kinds of ulcers in the past. Carprofen may make these ulcers reappear or worsen.
- Speak with your veterinarian if your dog is taking any of the following other medications: other anti-inflammatory drugs such as aspirin or corticosteroids (e.g. prednisone, methylprednisolone, dexamethasone); furosemide (Lasix®), digoxin, methotrexate, sulfa drugs, or oral antidiabetic drugs.
- If your dog has had heart, kidney, or liver problems, speak with your veterinarian about the risks of giving your dog this medication.
- The safety of giving pregnant, lactating, or breeding dogs this medication is not known. Speak with your veterinarian before using this drug in those animals.
- 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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