

Glipizide

(Glucotrol)

Product Description:

Glipizide is used to lower the blood sugar level in diabetic cats.

Dose and Administration:

Always follow the dosage instructions provided by your veterinarian. Glipizide should be given with meals, as directed by your veterinarian. This medication should be given only to the pet for whom it was prescribed.

Possible Side Effects:

Some possible side effects may include vomiting, sudden lowering of the blood sugar, weakness, wobbling, inability to stand, extreme hunger, shivering, lethargy, shaking, seizures, or coma. If you see these signs contact your veterinarian immediately. May cause toxic effects in the liver. Signs would include vomiting, depression, loss of appetite, and jaundice (yellowing of the gums, skin, or eyes). Contact your veterinarian immediately if you see these signs. Uncommon side effects include suppression of the bone marrow. This may lead to anemia, with pale gums, weakness, and lethargy; bruising or bleeding tendencies; and decreased white blood cell counts, which may cause the animal to be more at risk of infections. If your pet experiences an allergic reaction to the medication, signs may include facial swelling, hives, scratching, sudden onset of diarrhea, vomiting, shock, seizures, pale gums, cold limbs, or coma. If you notice any of these signs, contact your veterinarian immediately.

Precautions:

Not for use in animals allergic to glipizide or sulfa drugs. Do not use in pregnant or lactating animals. Do not use in animals with untreated diseases of the adrenal or pituitary glands or those with liver, kidney, or thyroid disease. Glipizide is not effective in treating cats with complications of diabetes such as diabetic coma, acidosis, ketosis, or insulin resistance. Contact your veterinarian if you notice an increase in drinking or urinating.

Drug Interactions:

Always inform your veterinarian of what medications your pet is currently taking before administering a new medication.

Caution:

Keep this and all other medications out of the reach of children and pets.

People who are allergic to sulfa drugs should wear gloves and use extreme caution when handling this medication.

Storage:

Refrigerate oral suspension. Store other forms at room temperature in a tight, light resistant, childproof container.