

DRUG INFORMATION: **Clindamycin** also known as Antirobe® or Cleocin®

Why is this prescribed for your pet?

Clindamycin is an antibiotic used to treat certain types of bacterial infections in dogs, cats, and ferrets. This medication can also be used to treat infections caused by certain parasites, called protozoa, including the organism that causes Toxoplasmosis in cats.

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. If you use Cleocin® Pediatric (human-label oral solution), discard it after two weeks.

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. If it is within a few hours of the next regularly scheduled dose, wait and give it at the regular time. Do not double doses as this can be toxic.
- This medication can interact with some 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.
- Always give the entire course of medication as directed by your veterinarian. Continue the treatment even if your pet seems better, bacteria may remain that could make the infection worse.
- Dogs and Cats: Dogs and cats typically receive this medication as a tablet or liquid once or twice daily. This medication may also be injected by your veterinarian.
- Horses: This medication may cause severe diarrhea in horses and is generally not given to them.
- Ferrets: Ferrets may receive this medication twice daily.
- Rabbits, Hamsters, Guinea Pigs, Gerbils: These animals should not receive this medication as it can cause severe diarrhea and death.

Side Effects:

- The most common side effects are vomiting and loose stools in dogs and cats receiving oral forms of this medication. If the diarrhea becomes bloody, severe, or lasts for several days you should contact your veterinarian.
- Allergic reactions are very rare.

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Additional Information:

- This medication should not be used in horses, cattle, sheep, goats, rabbits, hamsters, or guinea pigs. It may cause severe diarrhea that can result in death.
- This medication should not be used in animals that have an allergy to it or to drugs like it, such as lincomycin.
- This medication should be used with caution in animals with kidney or liver disease.
- It is unknown if this medication is safe to use in pregnant animals.
- This medication can enter into milk and cause diarrhea in offspring, so it should be used with caution in nursing animals.
- It may take several days for the medication to reduce signs of the infection. If your animal does not show signs of improvement after several days, or if their condition worsens, contact your veterinarian.
- 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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