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RELAQUINE

Composition

1 ml contains:

Acepromazine	35.00 mg
(as acepromazine maleate	47.50mg)
Excipients:	
Methyl parahydroxybenzoate (E218)	0,65mg
Propyl parahydroxybenzoate	0.35mg

Indications

For sedation of horse and other equidae

Dosage and administration

For oral administration. Place the syringe in the animals mouth and expel the required dose in the cheek pouch. The gel may also be mixed with food.
Amount(s) to be administered: Moderate sedation: 0,15mg acepromazine per kg/bw.

Dosage guidelines:

Body weight (kg):	200	300	400	450	500	600
Dose (ml):	1,0	1,5	1,5	2,0	2,5	2,5

The above dosage information is provided as a guideline. The dose may be varied to administer between 0,5 and 1,5 times the above recommendation depending on the level of sedation required, i.e. for mild sedation, administer half the recommended dose and for deeper sedation, administer 1½ times the recommended dose.
Because of the difficulty in ensuring the accurate delivery of small doses, the product should only be used in horses of less than 200 kg/bw in accordance with a benefit/risk assessment by the responsible veterinarian.

Adverse reactions

Since Acepromazine decreases sympathetic nervous system tone, a transient drop in blood pressure may occur after administration.
Inhibition of temperature regulation.
The following reversible changes are possible in the hemogram;
- Transient decrease in erythrocyte count and haemoglobin concentration;
- Transient decrease in thrombocyte and leukocyte counts.

Because it increases prolactin secretion, the administration of acepromazine may lead to disturbances in fertility.
Penile prolapse may occur due to the relaxation of the retractor penis muscles. Retraction of the penis should be visible within two to three hours. If this does not take place, it is advised to contact a veterinary surgeon. Lack of retraction is of particular concern in breeding stallions.
Acepromazine has caused paraphimosis sometimes in sequel to priaprism.
In rare cases paradoxical excitation reactions can develop.
Contradictory clinical signs of aggressiveness and generalised CNS stimulation may occur.
Prolapse of the nictitating membrane ahs also been cited as a possible adverse effect in horses.
Use during pregnancy and lactation:
Acepromazine should not be used in pregnant or lactating mares.
Acepromazine has the potential to induce hypotension in new-borns when administered as a premedication for caesarean section in the mare.
Please see also Adverse Reactions section relating to disturbances in fertility.

Interactions

Acepromazine potentiates the action of centrally depressant drugs. Simultaneous administration, or administration to horses recently treated with organophosphates should be avoided since these molecules enhance the toxic effects of acepromazine. Since acepromazine decreases sympathetic nervous system tone, simultaneous treatment with blood pressure lowering products should not take place. Antacids may cause a decrease in the gastrointestinal absorption of acepromazine after oral administration. Opiates may enhance the hypotensive effects of acepromazine.

Precautions

In stallions, the lowest dose range is indicated to minimise prolapse of the penis.
The product should be used with caution and with reduced dosage in the case of cardiac or hepatic disease or in debilitated, hypovolemic or anaemic animals.
Acepromazine has negligible analgesic effects. Painful activities should be avoided when handling tranquilised animals.
Tranquilised horses should be kept in a calm place and sensorial stimuli should be avoided as far as possible.
Precautions to be taken by the person administering the product:
Wash hands and exposed skin thoroughly after use. Persons with sensitive skin or in continuous contact with the product are advised to wear impermeable gloves.
Avoid contact with eyes. If accidental eye contact occurs, flush gently with running water for 15 minutes and seek medical advice if any irritation persists.
In case of accidental ingestions, seek medical advice immediately and show the package leaflet of the label to the physician but, Do not drive, as sedation can occur.

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Contraindications
Do not use:
In cases of post-traumatic shock of hypovolaemia
In animals in a state of severe emotional excitation
In animals with epilepsy
In pregnant or lactating mares
In animals with heart failure
In animals suffering from hypothermia
In case of known hypersensitivity to the active substances or any of the excipients of the product
Do not use in neonates.

Warnings
Sedation lasts for approximately six hours, although the actual time and depth of sedation are very dependent on the status of the individual animal.
Increasing the dosage above that recommended results in prolonged action and side effects but no greater sedation.

Withholding period
Not authorised for use in horses intented for human consumption.

Storage
Store at room temperature 15-25°C.
Keep out of sight and reach of children.

Presentation
Oral injector à 10 ml.

Registration (international)
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