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**Pharmacological properties:**

Furosemide is a potent diuretic which acts primarily by inhibiting electrolyte absorption in the loop of Henle. It may be effective in patients who do not respond to thiazide diuretics, including those with impaired renal function. Furosemide has a rapid onset, but a relatively short duration of action.

**Uses:**

Target species, cat and dog.

**Indications for use:**

For the treatment of oedema, the product may be used in ascites, hydrothorax, pulmonary oedema, and oedema of the mammary glands or legs, as well as oedema resulting from cardiac insufficiency, hepatic or renal dysfunction, parasitism or of a traumatic origin.

**Contra-Indications, Warnings etc.:**

Do not use in acute glomerulus's nephritis, in electrolyte deficiency diseases, in patients with anuria, or patients that have received excessive doses of cardiac glycosides. Because of the danger of potentiating their toxic effects do not use with aminoglycoside or cephalosporin antibiotics. Allergic reactions have been associated with use of sulphonamides.

**Undesirable effects:**

Patients may increase their water intake to compensate for the diuresis, consideration should be given to restrict water intake if the patient's condition makes such a course appropriate.

**Special precautions:**

Prolonged dosage may on occasions justify potassium supplementation and thus monitoring for hypokalaemia should be considered, especially if the product is used in conjunction with cardiac glycosides.

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**Pregnancy & lactation:**

The safety of use in pregnancy is not well established and a careful assessment of the likely benefits and potential should be made. A deleterious effect on lactation is to be expected, particularly if drinking water is restricted. Furosemide passes into milk, but not to a great extent.

**Interactions:**

Potential interactions with other drugs include ototoxicity with aminoglycosides and nephrotoxicity with cephalosporins. Use in combination with sulphonamide treatment may lead to sulphonamide allergy. There is a possibility of interaction with cardiac glycosides.

**Posology:**

5 mg / Kg bodyweight, one or two times per day. For patients weighing less than 8 Kg dosage with the 20 mg tablet (which may be halved) is recommended. Avoid over dosage in a weak or old patients.

**Over dose:**

Dehydration and electrolyte depletion may occur. Monitor and correct as necessary. Dosage higher than that, which is recommended, may cause transitory deafness. Cardiovascular side effects may be observed in a weak and old patients following overdose.

**Special warnings:**

Not applicable.

**Withdrawal period:**

Not applicable.

**Special precautions**

(Operators):

Impermeable gloves should be worn whilst administering product. In case of accidental ingestion seek medical attention and show product label and/or insert to the doctor.

**Pharmaceutical precautions:**

Incompatibilities; (Major) None.

**Shelf life:**

5 years.

**Storage precautions:**

Do not store above 25° C. Protect from light.

**Containers:**

Polypropylene/polyethylene Containing 500 tablets of 20 mg each or 1000 tablets of 40 mg each.

**Special precautions for disposal:**

Any unused product or waste material should be disposed of in accordance with guidelines from your local waste disposal authority.

