

Prescription Label

Patient Name:

Species:

Drug Name & Strength:

Directions (amount to give how often & for how long):

Prescribing Veterinarian's Name & Contact Information:

Refills:

[Content to be provided by prescribing veterinarian]

Secnidazole

(sek-*nid*-a-zole)

Description:

Antiprotozoal and antibiotic

Other Names for this Medication:

Solosec

Common Dosage Forms:

Veterinary: None. **Human:** Oral granules.

This information sheet does not contain all available information for this medication and has not been reviewed by FDA Center for Veterinary Medicine. This sheet can help answer commonly asked questions but is not a substitute for medical advice. If you have other questions or need more information about this medication, contact your veterinarian or pharmacist.

Key Information

- Used to treat infections caused by protozoal parasites
- Usually given as a single dose
- May be given with or without a meal. Giving with a meal may help prevent stomach upset.
- Side effects may include vomiting, diarrhea, or drooling.

How is this medication useful?

Secnidazole is used to treat infections caused by protozoal parasites, such as Giardia. The FDA (U.S. Food & Drug Administration) has approved this drug for use in humans, but it is not officially approved for use in animals. The FDA allows veterinarians to prescribe products containing this medication in different species or for other conditions in certain conditions. You and your veterinarian can discuss why this medication is the most appropriate choice.

What should I tell my veterinarian to see if this medication can be safely given?

Many things might affect how well this medication will work in your animal. Be sure to discuss the following with your veterinarian so together you can make the best treatment decisions.

- Be sure to tell your veterinarian and pharmacist what medications you give your animal, including vitamins, supplements, or herbal therapies.
- Tell your veterinarian about any conditions or diseases your animal currently has or has had in the past.

- If your animal has been treated for the same disease or condition in the past, tell your veterinarian about the treatment and how well it did or did not work.
- If your animal is pregnant, talk to your veterinarian about the risks of using this medication.
- Tell your veterinarian and pharmacist about any medication side effects your animal has developed in the past.

How long until I will know if this medication is working, and how long will the effects of this medication last?

Your animal should start feeling better within 1 to 2 days. The effects of this medication are short-lived, meaning it will stop working within 24 hours. The effects may last longer if your animal has decreased kidney or liver function.

When should this medication not be used or be used very carefully?

No medication is 100% safe in all patients, but your veterinarian will discuss with you any specific concerns about using this medication in your animal.

This medication **SHOULD NOT** be used in:

- Animals that are allergic to it or to similar medications, such as metronidazole
- Animals that are nursing

What are the side effects of this medication?

Side effects that are usually not serious include:

- Vomiting or diarrhea
- Drooling in cats

You do not have to be overly concerned if you see any of these signs unless they are severe, worsen, or continue to be a problem. Contact your veterinarian if this happens.

If my animal gets too much of this medication (an overdose), what should I do?

If you witness or suspect an overdose, contact your veterinarian or an animal poison control center for further advice. Animal poison control centers that are open 24 hours a day include: **ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center** (888-426-4435) and **Pet Poison Helpline** (855-764-7661); a consultation fee is charged for these services.

How should this medication be given?

For this medication to work, give it exactly as your veterinarian has prescribed. Always check the prescription label to be sure you are giving the medication correctly.

- Sprinkle oral granules onto a small amount of wet food.
- This medication may be given with or without a meal. Giving with a meal may help prevent stomach upset.

What should I do if I miss giving a dose of this medication?

This medication is usually given as a single dose. However, if your animal requires an additional dose and the dose was missed, give it as soon as you remember.

How should I store this medication?

- Store in the original container at room temperature or as directed on your prescription label.
- Keep out of reach of other animals and children.

Can handling this medication be hazardous to me, my family, or other animals?

There are no specific precautions required when handling this medication unless you are allergic to it. Wash your hands after handling any medication.

How should I dispose of this medication if I don't use it all?

- Do not flush this medication down the toilet or wash it down the sink. If a community drug "take-back" program is available, use this option. If there is no take-back program, mix the medication with coffee grounds or cat litter, place the mixture in a sealable plastic bag to keep it from leaking out, and throw the bag out with the regular trash.
- Do not save leftover medication for future use or give it to others to use.

What other information is important for this medication?

- Use of this medication may not be allowed in certain animal competitions. Check rules and regulations before entering your animal in a competition while this medication is being administered.

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