

NOVOX[®]

(CARPROFEN)

CHEWABLE TABLETS

ANADA 200-595
LIVER-FLAVORED



Indicated for the relief of pain and inflammation associated with osteoarthritis and for the control of postoperative pain associated with soft tissue and orthopedic surgeries in dogs.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION: As a class, NSAIDs may be associated with gastrointestinal, kidney and liver side effects. These are usually mild, but may be serious. Dog owners should discontinue therapy and contact their veterinarian immediately if side effects occur. Evaluation for pre-existing conditions and regular monitoring are recommended for dogs on any medication, including Novox. Use with other NSAIDs or corticosteroids should be avoided. See full product labeling for full product information.

NOVOX[®] (CARPROFEN) CHEWABLE TABLETS

25 MG, 75 MG AND 100 MG STRENGTHS
SCORED CHEWABLE TABLETS AVAILABLE
IN BOTTLES OF 30, 60 AND 180



NDC 50989-105-86



100 mg

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CHEWABLE TABLETS
For oral use in dogs only

Caution: Federal law restricts this drug to use by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian.

Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug
ANADA 200-595, Approved by FDA

180 Chewable Tablets
VEDCO

Precaution: Due to the bitter taste of the chewable tablets, dogs may reach for and ingest tablets if not supervised. If you suspect your dog has ingested more than the labeled dose, please call your veterinarian immediately.

Store at controlled room temperature (20° to 25°C).

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NDC 50989-257-86



25 mg

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NDC 50989-751-86



75 mg

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DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Always provide Client Information Sheet with prescription. Carefully consider the potential benefits and risk of Novox and other treatment options before deciding to use Novox. Use the lowest effective dose for the shortest duration consistent with individual response.

The recommended dosage for oral administration to dogs is 2 mg/lb of body weight daily. The total daily dose may be administered as 2 mg/lb of body weight once daily or divided and administered as 1 mg/lb twice daily. For the control of postoperative pain, administer approximately 2 hours before the procedure.

Novox chewable tablets are scored and dosage should be calculated in half-tablet increments. Tablets can be halved by placing the tablet on a hard surface and pressing down on both sides of the score. These liver flavored Novox chewable tablets may be offered to the dog by hand or placed on food. If the dog does not willingly consume the tablets, they may be hand-administered (pilled) as with other oral tablet medications. Care should be taken to ensure that the dog consumes the complete dose.

HOW SUPPLIED

Novox chewable tablets are scored, and contain 25 mg, 75 mg or 100 mg of carprofen per tablet. Each tablet size is packaged in bottles containing 30, 60 or 180 tablets.

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SCORED
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EFFECTIVENESS

Confirmation of the effectiveness of carprofen for the relief of pain and inflammation associated with osteoarthritis, and for the control of postoperative pain associated with soft tissue and orthopedic surgeries, was demonstrated in 5 placebo-controlled, masked studies examining the anti-inflammatory and analgesic effectiveness of carprofen caplets in various breeds of dogs. Separate placebo-controlled, masked, multicenter field studies confirmed the anti-inflammatory and analgesic effectiveness of carprofen caplets when dosed at 2 mg/lb once daily or when divided and administered at 1 mg/lb twice daily. In these 2 field studies, dogs diagnosed with osteoarthritis showed statistically significant overall improvement based on lameness evaluations by the veterinarian and owner observations when administered carprofen at labeled doses.

Separate placebo-controlled, masked, multicenter field studies confirmed the effectiveness of carprofen caplets for the control of postoperative pain when dosed at 2 mg/lb once daily in various breeds of dogs. In these studies, dogs presented for ovariohysterectomy, cruciate repair and aural surgeries were administered carprofen preoperatively and for a maximum of 3 days (soft tissue) or 4 days (orthopedic) postoperatively.

In general, dogs administered carprofen showed statistically significant reduction in pain scores compared to controls.

ANIMAL SAFETY

Laboratory studies in unanesthetized dogs and clinical field studies have demonstrated that carprofen is well tolerated in dogs after oral administration. In target animal safety studies, carprofen was administered orally to healthy Beagle dogs at 1, 3, and 5 mg/lb twice daily (1, 3, and 5 times the recommended total daily dose) for 42 consecutive days with no significant adverse reactions.

Please refer to the Novox[®] Chewable Tablets package insert for more specific information.

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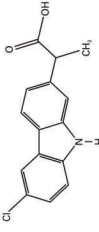
Novox® (carprofen) Chewable Tablets

Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug

For oral use in dogs only

CAUTION: Federal law restricts this drug to use by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian.

DESCRIPTION: Novox® (carprofen) is a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) of the propionic acid class that includes ibuprofen, naproxen, and ketoprofen. Carprofen is the nonpropionic derivative of a 6-chloro-*o*-methyl-3H-indazole-2-carboxylic acid. The empirical formula is C₁₇H₁₂ClNO, and the molecular weight is 273.72. The chemical structure of carprofen is:



Carprofen is a white, crystalline compound. It is freely soluble in ethanol, but practically insoluble in water at 25°C.

CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY: Carprofen is a non-narcotic, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory agent with characteristic pharmacologic properties similar to those of NSAID drugs equipotent to indomethacin in animal models.¹³

The mechanism of action of carprofen, like that of other NSAIDs, is believed to be associated with the inhibition of cyclooxygenase activity. Two unique cyclooxygenases have been described in mammals.¹³ The constitutive cyclooxygenase, COX-1, synthesizes prostaglandins necessary for normal gastrointestinal and renal function. Carprofen is thought to be associated with gastrointestinal and renal toxicity while inhibition of COX-2 provides analgesic and anti-inflammatory activity. The specificity of a particular NSAID for COX-2 versus COX-1 may vary from species to species. Carprofen demonstrated selective inhibition of COX-2 versus COX-1. Clinical relevance of these data has not been shown. Carprofen has also been shown to inhibit the release of several prostaglandins in two inflammatory cell systems: rat polymorphonuclear leukocytes (PMN) and human neutrophils (PMN).¹¹ In addition, carprofen inhibits the release of PGE₂ and PGE₁ by these cells. It also inhibits the release of PGE₂ by a human synovial cell system inflammatory reaction.¹¹

Several studies have demonstrated that carprofen has modulatory effects on both humoral and cellular immune responses.¹⁴ Data also indicate that carprofen inhibits the production of osteoclast-activating factor (OAF), PGE₂, and PGE₁ by its inhibitory effect on prostaglandin biosynthesis.

Based upon comparison with data obtained from intravenous administration, carprofen is rapidly and completely absorbed in dogs (bioavailability variable) when administered orally.¹⁵ Peak blood plasma concentrations are achieved in ~3 hours after oral administration of 1, 5, and 25 mg/kg to dogs. The mean terminal half-life of carprofen is approximately 8 hours (range 45-38 hours) after single oral doses varying from 1-35 mg/kg of body weight. After a 100 mg single oral dose to a dog, plasma concentrations of carprofen were approximately 117 hours in the dog. Carprofen is more than 95% bound to plasma protein and exhibits a very small volume of distribution.

Carprofen is eliminated in the dog primarily by biotransformation in the liver followed by rapid excretion of the resulting metabolites in the urine. Glucuronide of carprofen and the other glucuronide, 2-phenoic acid, were the only metabolites detected in the urine.¹⁶ Some enterohepatic circulation of the drug is observed.

INDICATIONS: Novox is indicated for the relief of pain and inflammation associated with osteoarthritis and for the control of postoperative pain associated with soft tissue and orthopedic surgeries in dogs.

CONTRAINDICATIONS: Novox should not be used in dogs exhibiting previous hypersensitivity to carprofen.

WARNINGS: Keep out of reach of children. Not for human use. Consult a physician in cases of accidental ingestion by humans. For use in dogs only. Do not use in cats.

All dogs should undergo a thorough history and physical examination before administration of the drug. Appropriate laboratory tests to establish hematological and serum biochemical baseline data prior to, and periodically during, administration of any NSAID should be considered. Owners should be advised to observe for signs of potential drug toxicity (see Information for Dog Post-Approval Studies, Animal Safety and

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PRECAUTIONS: As a class, cyclooxygenase inhibitors (NSAIDs) may be associated with gastrointestinal, renal, and hepatic toxicity. Effects may result from decreased prostaglandin production and inhibition of the enzyme cyclooxygenase which is responsible for the formation of prostaglandins from arachidonic acid.¹⁷⁻¹⁹ When NSAIDs are administered, these conditions which include renal homeostatic function. These anti-prostaglandin effects may result in clinically significant disease in patients with underlying or pre-existing disease more often than in healthy patients.^{17,18} NSAID therapy could unmask occult diseases which has previously been undiagnosed due to prostaglandin-mediated protective effects. Signs of overexertion or decompensation of their renal disease while on NSAID therapy.¹⁷⁻¹⁹ The use of parenteral fluids during surgery should be considered to reduce the potential risk of renal complications when using NSAIDs peroperatively.

Carprofen is an NSAID, and as with others in this class, frequently reported effects have been gastrointestinal, neurologic, dermatologic, and hepatic effects have also been reported.

Post-Approval Experiences: Although not all adverse reactions are reported, the following adverse reactions are based on voluntary post-approval adverse drug experience reporting. The categories of adverse reactions are listed in decreasing order of frequency by body system.

Gastrointestinal: Vomiting, diarrhea, constipation, inappetence, melena, hematemesis, gastrointestinal ulceration, pyruvate, vomiting, jaundice, acute hepatic failure, pancreatitis, hemorrhagic gastroenteritis, liver dysfunction, hyperbilirubinemia, bilirubinuria, hypoproteinememia. Approximately one-fourth of hepatic reports were in Labrador Retrievers.

Neurologic: Ataxia, paresis, paralysis, seizures, vestibular signs, disorientation.

Urinary: Hematuria, polyuria, polydipsia, urinary incontinence, urinary tract infection, cystitis, acute tubular necrosis, renal tubular acidosis, glucosuria.

Behavioral: Sedation, lethargy, hyperactivity, restlessness, aggressiveness.

Hematology and clinical chemistry laboratory values: Hematology: Immune-mediated hemolytic anemia, immune-mediated thrombocytopenia, blood loss anemia, epistaxis.

Dermatologic: Pruritus, increased shedding, alopecia, pyruvate, moist dermatitis (hot spots), necrolytic dermatitis, pemphigus/vasculitis, ventral eczematoid.

Eye: Intraocular hypertension, facial swelling, hives, itchy skin situations. Death has been associated with some of the adverse reactions listed above.

To report a suspected adverse reaction call 1-888-708-3226.

DOSEAGE AND ADMINISTRATION: Always provide client information Sheet with prescription. Carefully consider the potential benefits and risks of Novox and other treatment options before deciding to use Novox. Use the lowest effective dose for the shortest duration consistent with individual response. The recommended dosage for dogs is 2 mg/kg orally once daily for 3-7 days. The recommended dose of body weight once daily or divided and administered 1 mg/kg twice daily. For the control of postoperative pain, administer approximately 2 hours before the procedure. Novox chewable tablets are scored and dosage should be calculated in half-tablet increments. Tablets can be crushed down on both sides of the scores. These can be flavored Novox chewable tablets may be offered to the dog by hand or placed on food. If the dog does not willingly consume the tablets, they may be orally hand-administered (popped) as with other oral tablet medications. Tablets are taken to ensure that the dog consumes the complete dose.

EFFECTIVENESS: Confirmation of the effectiveness of carprofen for the relief of pain and inflammation associated with osteoarthritis, and for the control of postoperative pain associated with soft tissue and orthopedic surgeries, was demonstrated in 5 placebo-controlled, masked studies examining the effects of carprofen capsules in various breeds of dogs.

Separate placebo-controlled, masked, multicenter field studies confirmed the effectiveness of carprofen capsules. In these studies, dogs were dosed at 2 mg/kg once daily or when divided and administered at 1 mg/kg twice daily. In these 2 field studies, dogs diagnosed with osteoarthritis showed statistically significant overall improvement and fewer adverse events when administered carprofen at labeled doses.

Separate placebo-controlled, masked, multicenter field studies confirmed the effectiveness of carprofen capsules for the control of postoperative pain when dosed at 2 mg/kg once daily in various breeds of dogs. In these 2 studies, dogs presented for ovariohysterectomy, craniotomies, and/or hip surgery were administered carprofen capsules at 2 mg/kg once daily for 3-7 days (orthopedic) postoperatively. In general, dogs administered carprofen showed statistically significant reduction in pain scores compared to controls.

ANIMAL SAFETY: Laboratory studies in non-anesthetized dogs and clinical field studies have demonstrated that carprofen is well tolerated in dogs after oral administration. In a single oral study, carprofen was administered orally to healthy Beagle dogs at 1, 3, and 5 mg/kg twice daily (1, 3, and 5 times the recommended total daily dose) for 42 consecutive days with no significant adverse reactions.

Serum albumin for a single female dog receiving 5 mg/kg twice daily and 1 dog (♀ incident) treated with 3 mg/kg twice daily and 1 dog (♀ incident) treated with 5 mg/kg twice daily (redness of the colonic mucosa was observed in 1 male that received 3 mg/kg twice daily). Two of 8 dogs receiving 10 mg/kg orally twice daily 10 times the recommended total daily dose) for 14 days exhibited hypalbuminemia. The mean albumin level in each of two placebo control groups (2.88 and 2.93 g/dl, respectively). Three incidents of black or bloody stool were observed in 1 dog. Five of 6 dogs exhibited reddened areas of distal colonic mucosa on gross pathology. There were no other adverse effects. There was no evidence of ulceration, but did show minimal congestion of the lamina propria in 2 of the 5 dogs.

In separate safety studies lasting 13 and 92 weeks, respectively, dogs were administered orally up to 11.4 mg/kg/day (5.7 times the recommended total daily dose of 2 mg/kg) of carprofen. In both studies, the drug was well tolerated. In the 13-week study, there were no clinical or histologic changes seen in any of the treated animals. In both studies, dogs receiving the highest doses had average increases in serum L-alanine aminotransferase (ALT) of approximately 2.0 IU.

In the 92-week study, minor dermatologic changes occurred in dogs in each of the treatment groups but not severe enough to cause a clinical concern. There were slight redness or rash and were diagnosed as non-specific dermatitis. The possibility exists that these mild lesions were treatment related, but no dose relationship was observed.

Clinical field studies were conducted with 536 dogs of different breeds at the recommended oral doses for 14 days (37 dogs were included in a study evaluating 1 mg/kg twice daily and 252 dogs were included in a separate study evaluating 2 mg/kg once daily). In both studies, there were no clinically significant changes and the incidence of clinical adverse reactions to carprofen-treated animals (placebo contained inactive ingredients found in carprofen capsules). For animals receiving 2 mg/kg once daily, there were 9 IU less than pre-treatment values for serum ALT. Values were 1 IU greater and 9 IU less than pre-treatment values for dogs receiving carprofen and placebo, respectively. Differences were not statistically significant. For animals receiving 2 mg/kg once daily, the mean post-treatment serum ALT values for dogs treated and 0.9 IU less than pre-treatment values for dogs receiving carprofen and placebo, respectively. In the latter study, 3 carprofen-treated dogs developed a 3-fold or greater increase in [ALT] and/or [AST] during the study. The mean post-treatment serum ALT values were greater than 2-fold increase in ALT. None of these animals showed clinical signs associated with laboratory value changes. Changes in the clinical laboratory values (hematology and clinical chemistry) were not considered adverse events. There were no deaths. The maximum serum creatinine was treated as needed at 2-week intervals in 244 dogs, some for as long as 5 years.

Clinical field studies were conducted in 297 dogs of different breeds undergoing orthopedic or soft tissue surgery. Dogs were administered 2 mg/kg of carprofen two hours prior to surgery then once daily, as needed for 7-10 days. The mean post-treatment serum ALT values were 0.2 IU less than pre-treatment values for dogs receiving carprofen and placebo, respectively. The type and severity of abnormal blood observation in carprofen- and placebo-treated animals were not significantly different. The most frequent abnormal blood observation was vomiting and was observed at approximately the same frequency in carprofen- and placebo-treated animals. Changes in clinicopathologic laboratory values were not statistically significant, and clotting function was not clinically significant. The mean post-treatment serum ALT values were 7.3 IU and 2.5 IU less than pre-treatment values for dogs receiving carprofen and placebo, respectively. The mean post-treatment serum ALT values were 7.3 IU less than pre-treatment values for dogs receiving carprofen and 0.2 IU greater for dogs receiving placebo.

STORAGE: Store 25 mg and 75 mg Novox chewable tablets at 59-86°F (15-30°C). Store 100 mg Novox chewable tablets at controlled room temperature, 68-77°F (20-25°C). Use half-tablet within 30 days.

HOW SUPPLIED: Novox chewable tablets are scored, and contain 25 mg, 75 mg, or 100 mg of carprofen per tablet. The product is packaged in bottles containing 30, 60, or 180 tablets.

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For a copy of the Safety, Data Sheet (SDS) or to report adverse reactions call Vecdo at 1-888-708-3226. Made in the UK.

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