

COLCHICINE

Why has my veterinarian prescribed this medicine?

Colchicine is used to help treat chronic liver fibrosis, or other conditions such as amyloidosis.

How do I give this medication?

- Give this medication to your pet as directed by your veterinarian. **READ THE LABEL CAREFULLY.**
- If the medicine is a liquid, measure the dose with care.
- Try to give this medication at about the same time each day.
- **DO NOT** give the pet more medicine than directed and do not give more often than directed.
- **DO NOT** stop giving this medication to your pet unless directed by your veterinarian. Call your veterinarian ahead of time if your pet needs a refill.
- Try not to miss giving any doses.

What if I miss giving a dose?

Give the dose as soon as possible. If it is almost time for the next dose, skip the missed dose, and continue with the regular schedule. Do not give the pet two doses at once.

How do I store this medicine?

- Keep this medicine out of reach of children.
- Store this medicine in a cool, dry place at room temperature. Store away from heat and direct sunlight.
- Do not store this medicine in the bathroom, near the kitchen sink or in damp places. The medicine may break down if exposed to heat or moisture.

Potential Side Effects

- Your pet may experience the following side effects: nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.
- If your pet experiences any changes in appetite or other stomach effects, contact your veterinarian immediately.
- Other side effects may occur. If you notice anything unusual, contact your veterinarian.

Possible Drug Interactions

- Make sure to tell your veterinarian what other medication you are giving to your pet.
- The following drugs can potentially interact with colchicine: non-steroidal anti-inflammatory agents (e.g. phenylbutazone), anticancer agents, other bone marrow depressant drugs, sympathomimetic agents and CNS depressants.
- Contact your veterinarian if your pet experiences any unusual reactions when different medications are given together.

References:

*Lifelearn Inc.
Plumb's Veterinary Drug Handbook*