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Stomach ailments.

Canine Zantac – Ranitidine.

Officially, there's no such thing as a canine formulation of Zantac. Although this medication is primarily used to treat people, it has occasionally been used to treat dogs as well.

Always check with your vet before sharing your medication.

However Zantac is used to treat cases of acid reflux - successful in reducing the amount of acid produced in the stomach - gastritis disturbance - problems in the stomach - belly ache - suffering from ulcers - and other inflammations of the esophagus and digestive tract – as a preventative measure to guard against bloat.

"Ranitidine – the commercial name" also used in an oral rinse or tablet form also provide significant relief - reduction of gingival gum inflammation (bleeding) - without an increase in tooth staining.

Dosage for dogs.

When giving your dog Zantac, it's important to understand that people and dogs do not share the same dosage rates.

Typically, dogs will need a smaller dosage administered less often, unless the dog is exceptionally large.

TAGAMET (Cimetidine) /PEPCID-AC (Famotidine) /ZANTAC (Ranitidine):

Reduces the amount of stomach acids and can be dispensed to dogs suffering from ulcers, acid reflux or belly ache.

Sometimes they are used to prevent ulcers in animals taking other medications.

These medications are given once to twice daily.

It's best to discuss the exact dosage with your veterinarian.

Tagamet/Pepcid-AC/Zantac dosage.

APBT 22+ kg - ¼ tablet - one or twice daily.

Possible side-effects.

Zantac use can produce unfavourable side effects if the dog receives too much medication or is on the drug for a prolonged period.

Diarrhea –Vomiting -Irregular heart rhythms -Quick, shallow breathing -Muscle spasms.

Ranitidine/Zantac has also been known to cause an allergic reaction in some dogs.

Signs include- Itching and scratching –Vomiting – Diarrhoea -Pale gums related to shock Heat loss in legs and paws –Unconsciousness.

Zantac usage is not recommended for dogs previously diagnosed with kidney, liver or heart disease.

Additionally, any dog receiving this medication for a prolonged time should be monitored for possible liver damage throughout the course of treatment.