Dosage for each species, route and method of administration
Cats
Dosage
Post-operative pain and inflammation following surgical procedures
After initial treatment with Metacam® 2 mg/ml solution for injection for cats, continue treatment 24 hours later with Metacam® 0.5 mg/ml oral suspension for cats at a dosage of 0.05 mg meloxicam/kg body weight. The oral follow-up dose may be administered once daily (at 24-hour intervals) for up to 4 days.

Acute musculo-skeletal disorders
Initial treatment is a single oral dose of 0.2 mg meloxicam/kg body weight on the first day. Treatment is to be continued once daily by oral administration (at 24-hour intervals) at a dose of 0.05 mg meloxicam/kg body weight for as long as acute pain and inflammation persist.

Chronic musculo-skeletal disorders
Initial treatment is a single oral dose of 0.1 mg meloxicam/kg body weight on the first day. Treatment is to be continued once daily by oral administration (at 24-hour intervals) at a maintenance dose of 0.05 mg meloxicam/kg body weight.

A clinical response is normally seen within 7 days. Treatment should be discontinued after 14 days at the latest if no clinical improvement is apparent.

Route and method of administration
To be administered orally either mixed with food or directly into the mouth.

The suspension can be given using the drop dispenser of the bottle for cats of any body weight. Alternatively and for cats with a body weight of at least 2 kg, the measuring syringe provided in the package can be used. Particular care should be taken with regard to the accuracy of dosing.

The recommended dose should not be exceeded.

Administering the suspension
Shake the bottle well. Push down and unscrew bottle top. Attach the dosing cup to the plunger and firmly push the plunger up to suction 0.2 ml. The suspension is sucked up into the dosing cup.

Turn the bottle right way up and with a twisting motion separate the plunger and dosing cup from the bottle.

By pushing the plunger in, empty the contents of the syringe directly into the mouth.
Guinea pigs
Dosage
Post-operative pain associated with soft tissue surgery
Initial treatment is a single oral dose of 0.2 mg meloxicam/kg body weight on day 1 (pre-surgery). Treatment is to be continued once daily by oral administration (at 24-hours intervals) at a dose of 0.1 mg meloxicam/kg body weight on day 2 to 3 (post-surgery).

The dose can, at the discretion of the veterinarian, be titrated up to 0.5 mg/kg in individual cases. The safety of doses exceeding 0.6 mg/kg has, however, not been evaluated in guinea pigs.

Route and method of administration
The suspension should be given directly into the mouth using a standard 1 ml syringe graduated with ml scale and 0.01 ml increments.

Dose of 0.2 mg meloxicam/kg body weight:
0.4 ml/kg body weight

Dose of 0.1 mg meloxicam/kg body weight:
0.2 ml/kg body weight

Use a small container (e.g., a teaspoon) and drop Metacam® oral suspension into the container (it is advised to dispense a few drops more than required into the small container). Use a standard 1 ml syringe to draw up Metacam® according to the bodyweight of the guinea pig. Administer Metacam® with the syringe directly into the mouth of the guinea pig. Wash the small container with water and dry prior to the next use.

Do not use the cat syringe with the kg-body weight scale and the cat pictogram for guinea pigs.

Advice on correct administration

Please carefully follow the instructions of the veterinarian. Shake well before use. Avoid introduction of contamination during use.

Withdrawal period
Not applicable.

Special storage precautions
Keep out of the sight and reach of children. This veterinary medicinal product does not require any special storage conditions.

Store the after first opening the container: 3 ml bottle: 14 days 10 ml, 15 ml and 30 ml bottles: 6 months.

Do not use this veterinary medicinal product after the expiry date which is stated on the carton and the vial after EXP.

Special warnings

Special precautions for use in animals

Avoid use in any dehydrated, hypovolaemic or hypotensive animal, as there is a potential risk of renal toxicity.

Post-operative use in cats and guinea pigs in case additional pain relief is required, multimodal pain therapy should be considered.

Chronic musculoskeletal disorders in cats

Response to long-term therapy should be monitored at regular intervals by a veterinary surgeon.

Special precautions to be taken by the person administering the veterinary medicinal product to animals

People with known hypersensitivity to NSADs should avoid contact with the veterinary medicinal product.

In case of accidental ingestion, seek medical advice immediately and show this package leaflet or the label to the physician. This product can cause eye irritation. In case of contact with the eyes, immediately rinse thoroughly with water.

Pregnancy and lactation

See section "Contra-indications".

Interactions with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction

Other NSADs, diuretics, anticoagulants, anticoagulants and substances with high protein binding may compete for binding and thus lead to toxic effects.

Metacam® must not be administered in conjunction with other NSADs or glucocorticosteroids. Concurrent administration of potential nephrotoxic drugs should be avoided.

In cats, pre-treatment with anti-inflammatory substances other than Metacam® 2 mg/ml solution for injection for cats at a single dose of 0.2 mg/kg may result in additional or increased adverse effects and accordingly a treatment-free period with such veterinary medicinal products should be observed for at least 24 hours before commencement of treatment. The treatment-free period, however, should take into account the pharmacological properties of the products used previously.

Overdose (symptoms, emergency procedures, antidotes)

Metacam® has a narrow therapeutic safety margin in cats and clinical signs of overdose may be seen at relatively small overdose levels.

In case of overdose, adverse reactions, as listed in section "Adverse reactions", are expected to be more severe and more frequent. In case of overdose symptomatic treatment should be initiated.

In guinea pigs, an overdose of 0.6 mg/kg body weight administered during 3 days followed by a dose of 0.3 mg/kg during 6 additional days did not cause adverse events typical for meloxicam. The safety of doses exceeding 0.6 mg/kg has not been evaluated in guinea pigs.

Special precautions for the disposal of unused product or waste materials

Medicines should not be disposed of via wastewater or household waste. Ask your veterinary surgeon how to dispose of medicines no longer required. These measures should help to protect the environment.

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Other Information

3 ml, 10 ml, 15 ml or 30 ml bottle. Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

For animal treatment only.

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