

## Hydrocodone/Homatropine

(hye-droe-**koe**-done/hoe-**ma**-tro-peen)

### Key Information

- This medication is an opioid cough suppressant.
- Giving with food may help prevent stomach upset
- Do not give with other pain or fever-reducing medications unless specifically instructed by your veterinarian.
- Common side effects include drowsiness, constipation, decreased appetite, and vomiting.
- Contact your veterinarian immediately if you notice continual vomiting or diarrhea or complete loss of appetite.
- This medication is a highly regulated controlled substance.
  - Store it in a secure spot out of sight.
  - It must only be used in the animal it was prescribed for. It is illegal to give or sell it to anyone else.

**Note:** The purpose of this information sheet is to answer commonly asked questions. It does not contain all available information for this medication and is not a substitute for medical advice provided by your veterinary healthcare team.

<b>Description</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opioid cough suppressant</li> <li>• Available as a tablet or a syrup</li> </ul>
<b>Other common names</b>	<i>Hycodan, Tussigon, Hydromet</i>
<b>Uses</b>	<p>This medication is not FDA approved specifically for animals, but it is approved for use in humans. At the discretion of your veterinarian, this medication may be used extra-label as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A cough suppressant in dogs</li> </ul>
<b>Before this medication is given</b>	<p>No medication is 100% safe in all patients. Discuss with your veterinarian:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any other medications or supplements your animal is taking</li> <li>• Any conditions or diseases your animal has now or has had in the past</li> <li>• Any side effects your animal has had to medications in the past</li> <li>• The risks of using this medication if your animal is pregnant or nursing</li> </ul>
<b>Warnings for animals</b>	<p>Do <b>not</b> use in patients that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are allergic to hydrocodone, homatropine, or other related medications</li> <li>• Have diarrhea caused by exposure to a toxic substance</li> </ul> <p>Use with <b>caution</b> in animals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With an unknown cause of coughing</li> <li>• That are old, weak, or frail</li> <li>• With a head injury</li> <li>• With severe thyroid, heart, lung, kidney, or adrenal diseases</li> <li>• That are working or service animals. They may become too tired to perform their duties.</li> </ul> <p>Certain medications are not allowed in some animal competitions. Check rules and regulations when your animal is taking a medication.</p>
<b>Warnings for humans</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wash your hands after handling any medication.</li> <li>• This medication is a controlled substance that must only be used in the animal that it was prescribed for. It is illegal to give or sell it to anyone else.</li> </ul>
<b>How do I give this medication?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Give with or without food. Food may help prevent stomach upset.</li> <li>• Measure liquids using an oral syringe, medicine cup, or dosing spoon. Do not use household measuring devices.</li> <li>• Do not give more than your veterinarian prescribes.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not give with any other pain or fever-reducing medications unless your veterinarian specifically tells you to.</li> </ul> <p><i>Give exactly as your veterinarian has prescribed. Always follow the instructions on the prescription label.</i></p>
<b>Side effects</b>	<p><b>Common</b> – contact your veterinarian if any of these signs are severe, continue to occur, or worsen over time:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drowsiness or low energy level</li> <li>Constipation</li> <li>Itching</li> <li>Decreased appetite</li> <li>Vomiting</li> </ul> <p><b>Severe</b> – stop the medication and contact your veterinarian immediately if you notice any of these signs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete loss of appetite</li> <li>Vomiting or diarrhea that continues to occur</li> <li>A change in your animal's breathing</li> </ul>
<b>How will I know it's working?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Your animal should start feeling better in 1 to 2 hours.</li> </ul> <p><i>Contact your veterinary clinic if your animal's symptoms worsen or do not improve.</i></p>
<b>How long will the medication effects last?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This medication will stop working within 12 hours of the last dose.</li> <li>It may last longer if your animal has reduced kidney or liver function.</li> </ul>
<b>How long do I give it for?</b>	<p>This medication can be given for different lengths of time. It is important to give it for as long as your veterinarian tells you.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This medication is a highly regulated controlled substance. Your veterinarian cannot add refills to the prescription. If you need more medication, your veterinarian must write a new prescription.</li> </ul> <p>If this medication is used for a long period, it needs to be discontinued gradually over time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stopping it suddenly can cause side effects from withdrawal.</li> <li>Talk with your veterinarian before stopping it.</li> </ul>
<b>Overdose</b>	<p>Signs of overdose may include either sedation or hyperactivity, uncoordinated movement, vocalizing, very slow breathing, and vomiting.</p> <p>If you witness or suspect an overdose, call your veterinarian or an animal-specific poison control center (consultation fee applies):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center:</b> (888) 426-4435</li> <li><b>Pet Poison Helpline:</b> (855) 764-7661</li> </ul> <p><i>Have the product or label with you if possible.</i></p>
<b>Missed dose</b>	<p>In most cases, if you miss a dose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Give it when you remember, then return to the regular dosing schedule.</li> </ul> <p>If it is close to the time for the next dose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Skip the missed dose.</li> <li>Give the next dose at the next scheduled time.</li> <li>Continue the regular dosing schedule.</li> </ul> <p><i>If you are unsure, call your veterinary clinic. Do not double-up or give extra doses.</i></p>
<b>Storage</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Store in the original container at room temperature.</li> <li>Protect from light.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep out of reach of children and animals.</li> <li>• Because this medication is a controlled substance, store it in a secure spot that is out of sight.</li> </ul>
<b>Disposal</b>	<p>Because this medication is a controlled substance, dispose of any unused medication as soon as possible. Options for disposing of unused or expired medications include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Drug take-back sites</u>: This is preferred whenever possible. To find a site near you, contact your local law enforcement or waste management authorities.</li> <li>• <u>Home disposal</u>: Unlike most medications, this medication should be flushed down the toilet.</li> </ul> <p><i>Do <b>not</b> save leftover medication or give it to others to use.</i></p>
<b>Questions?</b>	Talk to your veterinarian.