

GEM EQUINE



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Keep this leaflet safe, as you may need to refer to it again. Please ask your vet if you have any further questions.

This medicine has been prescribed for your horse ONLY. Do not take it yourself or give it to another person or any other animal; it may harm them even if their symptoms appear to be the same and could result in inadvertent contravention of Horse Passport legislation.

Deslorelin

This medicine has been prescribed or given for your horse or donkey. It is not a licensed medicine and is provided as a 'Special Veterinary Medicine' meaning that it has been formulated under strict production controls to ensure purity of the product.

What is Deslorelin?

Deslorelin is used to induce ovulation in mares with mature ovarian follicles.

Why has my horse been prescribed Deslorelin?

Deslorelin is an analogue of gonadotropin-releasing hormone (GnRH). It works by increasing the levels of endogenous luteinising hormone (LH) thereby inducing ovulation.

Why has my horse been prescribed a 'special' formulation of Deslorelin?

Deslorelin is available as a licensed veterinary medicine that has undergone extensive testing and evaluation. The formulation of this special medicine (a long acting injection) is different to the licensed formulation (an implant). Your veterinarian will discuss the specific reasons why the licensed version is not suitable for use in your horse.

How should I store and handle Deslorelin?

For safety, all medicines should be kept out of the reach and sight of children. This product should be kept refrigerated. Pregnant women should not handle this medication. Women of childbearing age should avoid handling this medication.

What should I do if I run out of Deslorelin?

Usually your vet will dispense the correct amount of the product. If you run out, you should contact your veterinary.

What should I do if I accidentally overdose my horse?

Contact your veterinarian.

What should I do if I miss a dose?

The timing of Deslorelin administration relative to ovulation is specific. If a dose is

missed, you should contact your veterinarian.

If my horse is better, what should I do with the remaining medicine?

You should contact your veterinarian before changing the dose or stopping the medication.

If my horse is not improving what should I do?

Contact your veterinary who will review whether this is the correct medication for your horse.

Can my horse get Deslorelin along with other medicines?

Tell your veterinarian if you are giving your horse any other medicines.

What do I need to record in my horse's passport?

This medicine can be used in horses without the need to permanently exclude them from the human food chain. There are no residue concerns with deslorelin injections, however you should maintain a record of its use if your horse's passport has not been signed to permanently exclude it from the food chain.

What are the possible side effects of Deslorelin in my horse?

Mild, typically self-resolving, swelling may occur at the injection site. If you observe any side effects, contact your vet immediately and stop administering the product.

What should I do if a person accidentally takes this medicine?

If a person accidentally takes this medicine you should contact NHS direct (telephone 111) or take the person to a local hospital taking this leaflet and the medication with you.



The prescribing cascade: This medicine is authorised for use in human patients or other animal species and is used by vets under the 'prescribing cascade'. Your vet can explain this in further detail and explain why they are prescribing this drug for your horse. If you do not agree to the use of this medicine in your horse you should discuss this before administration.