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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.

Esomeprazole

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 Esomeprazole? Esomeprazole belongs to the class of drugs known as proton pump inhibitors (PPIs). PPIs are used to treat gastric ulcers and work by suppressing production of stomach acid.

Why has my horse been prescribed Esomeprazole? Esomeprazole is used as an alternative to omeprazole, another PPI commonly used to treat stomach ulcers in horses. Esomeprazole is typically prescribed in cases where omeprazole has not been effective, or when other factors, such as diet, may impair the efficacy of omeprazole.

How should I store and handle Esomeprazole? For safety, all medicines should be kept out of the reach and sight of children. There are no special storage requirements.

What should I do if I run out of Esomeprazole? Usually your vet will dispense the correct amount of the product. If you run out, you should contact your veterinary surgeon to complete the course as soon as possible.

What should I do if I accidentally overdose my horse? Contact your vet. Esomeprazole has a wide therapeutic margin and overdose is rarely problematic.

What should I do if I miss a dose? If a dose is missed just give the next dose at the normal time. DO NOT give a double dose to make up for the missed dose.

If my horse is better, what should I do with the remaining medicine? As with all medications, it is important that the full course is completed. Complete healing of stomach ulcers may lag behind an improvement in clinical signs.

If my horse is not improving what should I do? Contact your veterinary surgeon who will review whether this is the correct medication for your horse.

Can my horse take Esomeprazole along with other medicines? Tell your vet if you are giving your horse any other medicines.

What do I need to record in my horse's passport? This medicine is not authorised for use in horses intended for human consumption. Section IX of your horse's passport must be signed to ensure it is permanently excluded from the human food chain.

What are the possible side effects of Esomeprazole in my horse? Esomeprazole, and other PPIs, are generally well tolerated in the horse. 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 syringe 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.