Client Information Leaflet

The content of this client information leaflet aims only to serve as general guidance for the client and cannot be regarded as a substitute for advice from your veterinary surgeon. Please ask your veterinary surgeon if you have any further questions.

This medication is being given to your pet under the prescribing cascade. Your veterinarian can provide further details and explain why this drug is being prescribed.

It is important to keep this leaflet safe, as you may need to refer to it again in the future. If you have any further questions, do not hesitate to ask your veterinary surgeon. Please note that this medicine has been prescribed for your pet ONLY. Do not administer to another animal, yourself or other person, as it can be harmful even if you believe the symptoms to be the same.

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Specials Veterinary Medicine

Special veterinary medicines are also referred to as extemporaneous preparations or unlicensed medications. Bova UK is one of a few VMD-authorised manufacturing facilities and the first and only authorised by the VMD to manufacture sterile and non-sterile Specials in the UK for the veterinary market. Bova UK currently serves the equine, small animal (dog and cat), and exotic markets with its ever-expanding formulation portfolio.

What is a special veterinary medicine?

Specials are medications that are made from raw materials. They are useful for providing medications that may not be available as a licensed medication or for creating unique formulations that are better suited to your pet's needs. For example, we can create a medication with a concentration that is better suited for your pet's size, add flavours that appeal to your pet and even find alternative and easier methods of administering medication to your pet.

Are special veterinary medicines safe?

Our well-established quality culture ensures that Bova remains compliant with current Good Manufacturing Practices and Laboratory Practices as per the European Medicine Standards. All our raw materials and finished products are tested against set standards as per ICH guidelines. We have invested in superior analytical laboratories to perform stability studies on new & existing products to monitor and improve product quality and patient safety.
Specials do not undergo the same testing procedures as licensed products to ensure they work in a given condition or to understand all the side effects. Nevertheless, there is a wealth of experience in the veterinary profession in using medicines that may not have undergone this testing that may be appropriate in certain clinical conditions. Therefore, your veterinary surgeon should be able to advise you of the known risks associated with each medicine.

Why your pet has been prescribed a special veterinary medicine:

If there is no suitable authorised veterinary medicinal product in the UK for a condition in a particular species, a veterinary surgeon may treat the animal in accordance with the 'Cascade'.

How to store and handle your special veterinary medicine:

The storage conditions required for your medicine will be detailed on our packaging, along with any special handling advice. All medicines should be kept out of the reach and sight of children.

What to do when your special veterinary medicine runs out:

Typically, your vet will have dispensed the correct amount of product for the desired treatment duration. However, if you do run out or accidentally spill some, you should contact your veterinary surgeon in case more is to be dispensed.

What to do in the event of an overdose:

Contact your veterinary surgeon immediately.

What to do if your pet becomes unwell:

If your pet becomes unwell taking their medication, stop the treatment and contact your veterinary surgeon as soon as possible.

Are special veterinary medicine safe to give alongside other medicines?

Tell your veterinary surgeon if you are giving your pet any other medication or supplement, they will be able to advise you whether this is safe to continue.

SPECIAL VETERINARY MEDICINE PRESCRIBED:

(Please specify medication being prescribed or stick dispensing label below)