

(Methimazole)

Uses

Methimazole is an antithyroid medication used in the treatment of hyperthyroidism.

How this medicine should be used

Methimazole is not FDA approved for use in veterinary medicine; however, it is commonly accepted for veterinarians to use this medication in cats. The usual dose in cats is 5mg per cat every 8-12 hours. Blood tests are repeated every 3-4 weeks until the proper maintenance dose is reached, then blood testing is repeated every 3-6 months. The medication is needed for life. If the medication is discontinued, the symptoms will reappear.

Side effects

Side effects of methimazole may include lack of appetite, vomiting, rash, hives, itching, edema and drowsiness

Special precautions

This medication should not be used in animals allergic to it. Do not use in patients with liver disease, autoimmune disease or blood abnormalities. Do not use in pregnant or nursing animals.

In the event of an overdose

Contact your veterinarian or veterinary emergency room. Symptoms of overdose may include blood disorders or liver toxicity.

Storage

Keep this medication in the container it came in, tightly closed. Store tablets at room temperature away from excess heat and moisture (not in the bathroom). Throw away any medication that is outdated or no longer needed. Keep this medication away from children and pets.