

EquiCoxib™ (firocoxib)

Oral Solution for Horses Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug Information for Horse Owners

EquiCoxib™ Oral Solution is administered for up to 14 days for the control of pain and inflammation associated with osteoarthritis in horses.

This summary contains important information about EquiCoxib. You should read this information before you start giving your horse EquiCoxib Oral Solution and review it each time your prescription is refilled. This sheet is provided only as a summary and does not take the place of instructions from your veterinarian. Talk to your veterinarian if you do not understand any of this information or you want to know more about EquiCoxib.

What is EquiCoxib?

EquiCoxib is a veterinary prescription non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) of the coxib class used to control pain and inflammation associated with osteoarthritis in horses. Osteoarthritis (OA) is a painful condition caused by progressive “wear and tear” of cartilage and other parts of the joints that may result in the following changes or signs in your horse:

- Limping or lameness.
- Decreased activity or exercise (reluctance to stand, walk, trot or run, or difficulty in performing these activities).
- Stiffness or decreased movement of joints.

How to give EquiCoxib to your horse.

EquiCoxib should be given according to your veterinarian's instructions. Do not change the way you give EquiCoxib to your horse without first speaking with your veterinarian.

Do not exceed 14 days of treatment.

The recommended dosage of EquiCoxib (firocoxib) for oral administration in horses is 0.045 mg/lb (0.1 mg/kg) of body weight once daily for up to 14 days.

Each 1.25 mL volume will treat 250 pounds of body weight and each additional 0.25 mL corresponds to 50 lb weight increment. To deliver the correct dose, round the horse's body weight up to the nearest 50 pound increment (if the body weight is an exact 50 pound increment, do not round up).

EquiCoxib may be given with or without food.

What kind of results can I expect when my horse is on EquiCoxib for OA?

While EquiCoxib is not a cure for osteoarthritis, it can control the pain and inflammation associated with OA and can improve your horse's mobility.

- Response varies from horse to horse, but improvement can be quite dramatic.
- Improvement can be seen in just a few hours in most horses.

Which horses should not receive EquiCoxib?

Your horse should not be given EquiCoxib if he/she:

- Has an allergic reaction to firocoxib, the active ingredient in EquiCoxib.
- Has previously had an allergic reaction (such as hives, facial or lower limb swelling, or red or itchy skin) to aspirin or other NSAIDs.
- Is presently taking aspirin, phenylbutazone, flunixin meglumine, diclofenac, ketoprofen, or other NSAIDs or corticosteroids.
- The safety of EquiCoxib has not been determined in horses less than one year of age or in breeding horses, pregnant or lactating mares.

EquiCoxib Oral Solution should only be given orally to horses.

- EquiCoxib is not for use in horses intended for human food consumption.
- People should not take EquiCoxib. Keep EquiCoxib and all medications out of the reach of children. Consult a physician in case of accidental ingestion by humans.

What to tell/ask your veterinarian before giving EquiCoxib.

Talk to your veterinarian about:

- The signs of OA you have observed in your horse, such as limping or stiffness.
- If any tests, such as X-rays, will be done before EquiCoxib is prescribed.
- How often your horse may need to be examined by your veterinarian.
- The risks and benefits of using EquiCoxib.

Tell your veterinarian if your horse has ever had the following medical problems:

- Any side effects from taking EquiCoxib or other NSAIDs, such as aspirin or phenylbutazone.
- Any kidney disease.
- Any liver disease.
- Any gastrointestinal ulcers.

Tell your veterinarian about:

- Other medical problems or allergies that your horse has now, or has had in the past.
- All medicines that you are giving or plan to give to your horse, including those you can get without a prescription and any dietary supplements.

Tell your veterinarian if you plan to breed your horse, or if your mare is pregnant or nursing a foal.

What are the possible side effects that may occur in my horse during EquiCoxib therapy?

EquiCoxib, like other NSAIDs, may cause some side effects. Serious side effects associated with NSAID therapy in horses can occur with or without warning. The most common side effects associated with EquiCoxib therapy involve the tongue, lips and skin of the mouth and face (erosions and ulcers of the mucosa and skin) and the kidney. Gastrointestinal, kidney and liver problems have also been reported with other NSAIDs. Look for

the following side effects that may indicate your horse is having a problem with EquiCoxib or may have another medical problem:

- Sores or ulcers on the tongue and inside of mouth.
- Sores, scabs, redness, or rubbing of the facial skin, particularly around the mouth.
- Change in eating or drinking habits (frequency or amount consumed).
- Change in urination habits (frequency or color).
- Yellowing of gums, skin, or whites of the eyes (jaundice).
- Unexpected weight loss.
- Change in behavior (such as increased or decreased activity level).

It is important to stop therapy and contact your veterinarian if you think your horse has a medical problem or side effect while taking EquiCoxib Oral Solution. If you have additional questions about possible side effects, talk with your veterinarian or call 1-888-215-1256.

Can EquiCoxib be given with other medications?

EquiCoxib should not be given with other NSAIDs (for example, aspirin, phenylbutazone, diclofenac, ketoprofen or flunixin) or systemic corticosteroids (for example, prednisone, cortisone, dexamethasone, or triamcinolone). Tell your veterinarian about all medications that you have given your horse in the past, and any medications you are planning to give with EquiCoxib Oral Solution. This should include other medicines that you can get without a prescription or any dietary supplements. Your veterinarian may want to check that all of your horse's medicines can be given together.

What do I do in case my horse receives more than the prescribed amount of EquiCoxib?

- Consult your veterinarian if your horse receives more than the prescribed amount of EquiCoxib.

What else should I know about EquiCoxib?

- This sheet provides a summary of information about EquiCoxib Oral Solution and general information about NSAIDs. If you have any questions or concerns about EquiCoxib or osteoarthritis pain, talk with your veterinarian.
- As with all prescribed medicines, EquiCoxib Oral Solution should only be given to the horse for which it is prescribed. It should be given to your horse only for the condition for which it is prescribed, at the labeled dose and duration.
- It is important to periodically discuss your horse's response to EquiCoxib Oral Solution. Your veterinarian will determine if your horse is responding as expected and if your horse should continue receiving EquiCoxib Oral Solution.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION:

Always provide the Client Information Sheet with the prescription. The recommended dosage of EquiCoxib (firocoxib) for oral administration in horses is 0.045 mg/lb (0.1 mg/kg) of body weight once daily for up to 14 days. In target animal safety studies, toxicity was seen at the recommended dose when the duration of treatment exceeded 30 days. **Only administer EquiCoxib with the provided dosing syringe.**

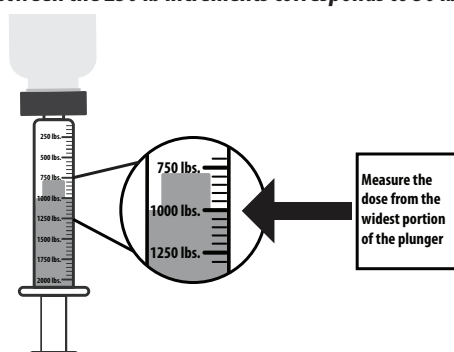
Each 1.25 mL volume will treat 250 pounds of body weight and each additional 0.25 mL volume corresponds to approximately a 50 lb weight increment. The provided dosing syringe is calibrated so that each line corresponds to a 50 lb weight increment. To deliver the correct dose, round the horse's body weight up to the nearest 50 pound increment (if the body weight is an exact 50 pound increment, do not round up).

FOR ORAL USE ONLY. DO NOT INJECT EQUICOXIB. ONLY ADMINISTER WITH THE PROVIDED DOSING SYRINGE.

EquiCoxib Oral Dosing Guide

Body Weight (lb)	Dose Volume (mL)
250	1.25 mL
500	2.5 mL
750	3.75 mL
1000	5 mL
1250	6.25 mL

- 1) Remove draw-off cap. Peel off the foil-backed seal from the bottle.
- 2) Screw the draw-off cap tightly back on the bottle.
- 3) Remove the seal from the top of the cap exposing the cross-hatched opening in the center of the silicone liner.
- 4) Remove the provided oral dosing syringe from its plastic cover.
- 5) Insert the oral dosing syringe firmly into the cross-hatched opening of the cap's silicone liner.
- 6) Turn the bottle with attached syringe upside down. Pull back the syringe plunger until the widest portion of the plunger lines up with the line that corresponds with the animal's weight. Each line between the 250 lb increments corresponds to 50 lb



- 7) Turn the bottle with attached syringe right side up and separate the dosing syringe from the bottle.
- 8) Give orally according to your veterinarian's instructions. DO NOT INJECT.