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BENAZEPRIL (LOTENSIN)

Why has the doctor prescribed this medication?

Benazepril is an angiotension-converting-enzyme (ACE) inhibitor. This may be used to treat high blood pressure and as a vasodilator in the treatment of heart failure. It reduces cardiac work and discourages fluid retention. Regular exams, sometimes including blood tests and blood pressure are needed to manage treatment with Benazepril.

How do I give this medication?

- Give this medication to your pet as directed by the doctor. **READ THE LABEL CAREFULLY.**
- Try to give this medication at about the same time(s) each day.
- DO NOT give your pet more medication than directed.
- DO NOT give the medication more often than directed.
- Try not to miss giving any doses.
- DO NOT stop giving this medication without first consulting with the doctor.

What do I do if I miss giving a dose?

Give the dose as soon as possible. If it is almost time for the next dose, skip the missed dose and continue with the regular schedule. Do not give your pet two doses at once.

Potential side effects

Your pet may experience some vomiting, diarrhea or poor appetite, notify us if these symptoms persist or become severe. Notify us if your pet becomes extremely lethargic or appear dizzy (uncoordinated). Other side effects may occur so if you notice anything unusual please contact us or your regular veterinarian.

Possible drug interactions

- Make sure to tell us what other medication you are giving to your pet.
- The doctor may prescribe two different medications, and a drug interaction may be anticipated. In this case, he may vary the dose and/or monitor your pet more closely.
- The following drugs can potentially interact with Benazepril: Digoxin, Indomethacin and other non-steroidal anti-inflammatory agents (such as Rimadyl), potassium sparing diuretics, potassium supplements, diuretics and other vasodilators.
- Contact us if your pet experiences any unusual reactions when different medications are given together.