



# Cardiology Northwest

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## HYDROCODONE (TUSSIGON) BUTORPHANOL (TORBUGESIC, TORBUTROL)

### Why has the doctor prescribed this medication?

Hydrocodone is used to as a cough suppressant. It also can be a pain reliever and sedative. It is a controlled substance.

### How do I give this medication?

- Give this medication to your pet as directed by the doctor. **READ THE LABEL CAREFULLY.**
- This medication can be given when coughing is most likely often, bedtime is a good time to give it.
- DO NOT give your pet more medication than directed.
- DO NOT give the medication more often than directed.
- 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

Notify your regular veterinarian if your pet has symptoms of lethargy or weakness. Mild sedation is normal and often becomes better tolerated after several days. 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 other cough suppressants, tranquilizers, pain medicines, or controlled substances.
- Contact us if your pet experiences any unusual reactions when different medications are given together.