

Frunevetmab

(froo-neh **vet**-mab)

Other Names for this Medication: *Solensia®*

Common Dosage Forms:

Veterinary: 7 mg/mL in 1 mL single-use vials for injection. **Human:** None.

This information sheet does not contain all available information for this medication and has not been reviewed by FDA Center for Veterinary Medicine. This sheet can help answer commonly asked questions but is not a substitute for medical advice. If you have other questions or need more information about this medication, contact your veterinarian or pharmacist.

Key Information

- This medicine will be given by your veterinarian as an injection under the skin once each month to relieve pain caused by osteoarthritis in cats.
- For cats only. Do not use in any other species (eg, dogs).
- Your veterinarian will need to do periodic examinations of your cat while it is receiving this medicine. Do not miss these important follow-up visits.
- Do not use this medicine in pregnant or lactating queens, or in breeding cats.

How is this medication useful?

Frunevetmab is approved by the FDA (U.S. Food & Drug Administration) for use in cats to control pain associated with osteoarthritis. One injection provides pain relief and increased activity for up to 6 weeks. The pain relief is apparent about 2 to 3 weeks after administration. You and your veterinarian can discuss why this medicine is the most appropriate choice.

What should I tell my veterinarian to see if this medication can be safely given?

Many things might affect how well this medicine will work in your cat. Be sure to discuss the following with your veterinarian so together you can make the best treatment decisions.

- Other medications can interact with this medicine, so be sure to tell your veterinarian and pharmacist what medications (including vitamins, supplements, or herbal therapies) you give your cat, including the amount and time you give each.
- Tell your veterinarian about any conditions or diseases your cat may have now or has had in the past.
- If your cat has been treated for the same disease or condition in the past, tell your veterinarian about the treatment and how well it did or did not work.
- If your cat is pregnant or nursing, talk to your veterinarian about the risks for using this medicine.
- Tell your veterinarian and pharmacist about any medication side effects (including allergic reactions, lack of appetite, diarrhea, itching, hair loss) your cat has developed in the past.

How long until I will know if this medication is working, and how long will the effects of this medication last?

This medicine should start having effects within 2 to 3 weeks; however, it may take multiple monthly doses to see the full treatment response. The effects of this medication are long-lived, meaning they may last for several (ie, 4 to 6) weeks in most cats.

When should this medication not be used or be used very carefully?

No medication is 100% safe in all patients, but your veterinarian will discuss with you any specific concerns about using this medicine in your cat.

This drug **SHOULD NOT** be used in cats:

- That are allergic to it or other medicines like it.
- That are being used for breeding, are pregnant, or are lactating.
- That are less than 7 months old or weigh less than 5.5 lbs.
- Frunevetmab is a medication for cats only and must not be used in any other animals.

This drug should be used **WITH CAUTION** in cats:

- That are taking other monoclonal antibody medications.
- That are taking nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs; eg, meloxicam, robenacoxib).

If your cat has any of these conditions, talk to your veterinarian about the potential risks versus benefits.

What are the side effects of this medication? Frunevetmab is usually well tolerated in cats.

Side effects that usually are not serious include:

- Vomiting, diarrhea, and loss of appetite
- Stinging at the injection (shot) site
- Skin reactions such as hair loss or scabbing at the site of the injection (shot)

You do not have to be overly concerned if you see any of these signs unless they are severe, worsen, or continue to be a problem. Contact your veterinarian if this happens.

Side effects that may be serious or indicate a serious problem:

- Complete loss of appetite in cats may be a sign of severe liver problems. If your cat completely stops eating, contact your veterinarian right away.
- Fever, rashes, trouble breathing, and pale gums may indicate an allergy to this medicine. This reaction can happen any time after the injection.

If you see any of these signs, contact your veterinarian immediately.

If my animal gets too much of this medication (an overdose), what should I do?

If you witness or suspect an overdose, contact your veterinarian or an animal poison control center for further advice. Animal poison control centers that are open 24 hours a day include **ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center** (888-426-4435) and **Pet Poison HELPLINE** (855-764-7661); a consultation fee is charged for these services.

How should this medication be given?

You will not be giving this medicine to your cat. Your veterinarian or a veterinary technician will give your cat this medicine at the clinic.

What should I do if I miss giving a dose of this medication?

It is important that you bring your cat to the veterinary clinic for each scheduled treatment as recommended by your veterinarian. If you miss a scheduled appointment, contact your veterinarian as quickly as possible to discuss your cat's condition and schedule the next injection.

How should I store this medication?

You will not be taking this medicine home.

Can handling this medication be hazardous to me, my family, or other animals? You will not be handling this medication.

How should I dispose of this medication if I don't use it all?

This medicine is only given in the clinic, so you will not need to dispose of it.

What other information is important for this medication?

- Your veterinarian will need to do periodic examinations of your cat while it is receiving this medicine. Do not miss these important follow-up visits.
- Use of this drug may not be allowed in certain animal competitions. Check rules and regulations before entering your animal in a competition while this medication is being administered.

If you have any other questions about this medication, contact your veterinarian or pharmacist.

Special Instructions