

Methocarbamol (*Robaxin*®)

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SUMMARY:

- 1) Common side effects include sedation, incoordination, drooling and occasionally vomiting.

EXPLANATION:

Methocarbamol is a muscle relaxant. It is most often used to help with muscle spasms. Sometimes it is used to treat toxins that cause tremors like snail/slug bait, over the counter flea medications or some fungal toxins.

Most of methocarbamol's side effects are dose dependant- meaning that they they will be more prevalent at higher doses. If your pet is experiencing unacceptable side effects, contact your veterinarian to discuss changing the dose.

Side Effects:

- 1) Some pets will be sleepy or have difficulty walking on this medication.
- 2) Dysphoria: Some pets can become very agitated on this medication. They can frantically whine and pant. This is especially common on high doses or when this medication is combined with other medications like sedatives and/or pain medications. It can look very similar to pain and can be very confusing. Sometimes we have to experiment with giving different doses or timing of medications to prevent this. If you believe your pet is experiencing this, contact your veterinarian for guidance.
- 3) Rarely this medication can cause behavior changes like mania or aggression. If this occurs discontinue the medication and contact your veterinarian. If your pet is acting aggressively, try to isolate your pet to a room and give the medication time to wear off. Remember they are not acting normally, and you need to be careful about your safety.
- 4) This medication can cause respiratory depression, but this side effect is rarely observed at normal doses.
- 5) This medication can cause drooling or vomiting in some pets. If you see this, or your pet has a decreased appetite. Please call.

****This medication should be kept well out of reach of children and pets.****

