

Sucralfate (*Carafate*[®])

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SUMMARY:

- 1) This medication must be given alone and on an empty stomach. Wait at least two hours in between giving sucralfate and feeding or giving other medication.
- 2) This medication is generally safe and well tolerated.

EXPLANATION:

Sucralfate is a medication that is used to coat ulcerations in the mouth, esophagus, stomach and intestines.

This medication is usually given between two and four times a day. It must be given on an empty stomach. This means no food or medications may be given within two hours of giving sucralfate.

SIDE EFFECTS:

This medication seems to be very well tolerated overall. The majority of animals will not have any side effects from this medication. The following side effects have been reported::

- 1) Constipation: Some pets will become constipated while on this medication. You can treat constipation by feeding your pet 1-2 teaspoons of canned pumpkin for every 10 pounds of body weight. Make sure that you purchase canned pumpkin and NOT pumpkin pie filling. If your pet is on a special diet, check with them before starting pumpkin.

SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS:

This medication is most effective in liquid form. If you have been given pills, crush them and dissolve each dose in warm water just prior to giving it. Some pets will strongly object to the slurry, and then the pills must be used whole.

