

**PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON THE OUTER PACKAGE {CARDBOARD BOX}**

**1. NAME OF THE VETERINARY MEDICINAL PRODUCT**

Metaxx 0.5 mg/ml oral suspension

**2. STATEMENT OF ACTIVE AND OTHER SUBSTANCES**

Meloxicam                      0.5 mg/ml

**3. PACKAGE SIZE**

5 ml  
10 ml  
25 ml

**4. TARGET SPECIES**

Cats and guinea pigs



**5. INDICATION(S)**

**6. ROUTES OF ADMINISTRATION**

Oral use

**7. WITHDRAWAL PERIODS**

**8. EXPIRY DATE**

EXP {month/year}

Once broached use within 6 months.

Once opened, use by \_\_/\_\_/\_\_

**9. SPECIAL STORAGE PRECAUTIONS**

5 ml: Store below 30°C. Do not refrigerate or freeze.

10 ml: Do not refrigerate or freeze.

25 ml: Do not refrigerate or freeze.

**10. THE WORDS “READ THE PACKAGE LEAFLET BEFORE USE”**

Read the package leaflet before use.

**11. THE WORDS “FOR ANIMAL TREATMENT ONLY”**

For animal treatment only.

**12. THE WORDS “KEEP OUT OF THE SIGHT AND REACH OF CHILDREN”**

Keep out of the sight and reach of children.

**13. NAME OF THE MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER**

Alfasan Nederland B.V.

**14. MARKETING AUTHORISATION NUMBERS**

Vm 36408/5025

**15. BATCH NUMBER**

Lot {number}

**16. SPECIAL WARNING(S), IF NECESSARY**

**17. SPECIFIC PRECAUTIONS FOR THE DISPOSAL OF UNUSED PRODUCTS OR WASTE MATERIALS, IF ANY**

Disposal: read package leaflet.

**18. CONDITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS REGARDING SUPPLY AND USE, IF APPLICABLE**

POM-V

To be supplied only on veterinary prescription

**MINIMUM PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON SMALL IMMEDIATE PACKAGING  
UNITS { BOTTLE OF 5 ML, 10 ML OR 25 ML }**

**1. NAME OF THE VETERINARY MEDICINAL PRODUCT**

Metaxx



**2. QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE PARTICULARS OF THE ACTIVE SUBSTANCES**

Meloxicam 0.5 mg/ml

**3. BATCH NUMBER**

Lot {number}

**4. EXPIRY DATE**

Exp. {mm/yyyy}

Once broached use within 6 months.

Once opened, use by \_\_/\_\_/\_\_

**5. ROUTE(S) OF ADMINISTRATION**

Oral

**6. THE WORDS “FOR ANIMAL TREATMENT ONLY”**

For animal treatment only.

## **PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON THE PACKAGE LEAFLET:**

### **1. NAME OF THE VETERINARY MEDICINAL PRODUCT**

Metaxx 0.5 mg/ml oral suspension for cats and guinea pigs

### **2. COMPOSITION**

Each ml contains:

**Active substance:**

Meloxicam 0.5 mg

**Excipients:**

Sodium benzoate (E211) 1.5 mg

Yellow to light yellow oral suspension

### **3. TARGET SPECIES**

Cats, guinea pigs

### **4. INDICATIONS FOR USE**

Cats:

Alleviation of mild to moderate post-operative pain and inflammation following surgical procedures in cats, e.g. orthopaedic and soft tissue surgery. Alleviation of pain and inflammation in acute and chronic musculo-skeletal disorders in cats.

Guinea pigs:

Alleviation of mild to moderate post-operative pain associated with soft tissue surgery such as male castration.

### **5. CONTRAINDICATIONS**

Do not use in pregnant or lactating animals.

Do not use in cats suffering from gastrointestinal disorders such as irritation and haemorrhage, impaired hepatic, cardiac or renal function and haemorrhagic disorders.

Do not use in cases of hypersensitivity to the active substance or to any of the excipients.

Do not use in cats less than 6 weeks of age.

Do not use in guinea pigs less than 4 weeks of age.

## 6. SPECIAL WARNINGS

### Special precautions for safe use in target species

Avoid use in any dehydrated, hypovolaemic or hypotensive animal, as there is a potential risk of renal toxicity.

Post-operative use in cats and guinea pigs:

In case additional pain relief is required, multimodal pain therapy should be considered.

Chronic musculoskeletal disorders in cats:

Response to long-term therapy should be monitored at regular intervals by a veterinary surgeon.

### Special precautions to be taken by the person administering the veterinary medicinal product to animals

Meloxicam and other non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) may cause hypersensitivity reactions. People with known hypersensitivity to NSAIDs should avoid contact with the veterinary medicinal product. Wash hands after use. Accidental ingestion of the product may cause gastrointestinal effects, such as nausea and gastric pain. Avoid accidental ingestion by children. Do not leave the filled syringe unattended. Any uneaten medicated food must be disposed of immediately and the bowl washed thoroughly. In case of accidental ingestion, seek medical advice immediately and show the package leaflet or the label to the physician.

### Pregnancy and lactation:

The safety of the veterinary medicinal product has not been established during pregnancy and lactation. Do not use in pregnant or lactating animals.

### Interaction with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction:

Other NSAIDs, diuretics, anticoagulants, aminoglycoside antibiotics and substances with high protein binding may compete for binding and thus lead to toxic effects. Meloxicam must not be administered in conjunction with other NSAIDs or glucocorticosteroids. Concurrent administration of potential nephrotoxic drugs should be avoided.

In cats, pre-treatment with anti-inflammatory substances other than meloxicam at a single dose of 0.2 mg/kg may result in additional or increased adverse effects and accordingly a treatment-free period with such veterinary medicinal products should be observed for at least 24 hours before commencement of treatment. The treatment-free period, however, should take into account the pharmacological properties of the products used previously.

### Overdose:

Meloxicam has a narrow therapeutic safety margin in cats and clinical signs of overdose may be seen at relatively small overdose levels.

In case of overdose, adverse reactions, as listed in the section on adverse events, are expected to be more severe and more frequent. In case of overdose symptomatic treatment should be initiated.

In guinea pigs, an overdose of 0.6 mg/kg body weight administered during 3 days followed by a dose of 0.3 mg/kg during 6 additional days did not cause adverse events typical for meloxicam. The safety of doses exceeding 0.6 mg/kg has not been evaluated in guinea pigs.

## 7. ADVERSE EVENTS

Cats:

Frequency	Adverse event
Very rare (<1 animal / 10,000 animals treated, including isolated reports):	Appetite loss <sup>1</sup> , lethargy <sup>1</sup> , vomiting <sup>1</sup> , diarrhoea <sup>1</sup> , blood in faeces (occult) <sup>1</sup> , gastric ulceration <sup>1</sup> , small intestine ulcer <sup>1</sup> . Renal failure <sup>1</sup> ; Elevated liver enzymes

<sup>1</sup>Typical adverse reactions of NSAIDs

These side effects are in most cases transient and disappear following termination of the treatment but may be serious or fatal.

Cats and guinea pigs:

If adverse reactions occur, treatment should be discontinued and the advice of a veterinarian should be sought.

Reporting adverse events is important. It allows continuous safety monitoring of a product. If you notice any side effects, even those not already listed in this package leaflet, or you think that the medicine has not worked, please contact, in the first instance, your veterinarian. You can also report any adverse events to the marketing authorisation holder using the contact details at the end of this leaflet, or via your national reporting system {national system details}.

## 8. DOSAGE FOR EACH SPECIES, ROUTES AND METHOD OF ADMINISTRATION

Oral use.

### Dosage

#### Cats:

##### Post-operative pain and inflammation following surgical procedures:

After initial treatment with a suitable injectable formulation of meloxicam authorised for cats, continue treatment 24 hours later with Metaxx 0.5 mg/ml oral suspension for cats at a dosage of 0.05 mg meloxicam/kg body weight. The oral follow-up dose may be administered once daily (at 24-hour intervals) for up to four days.

##### Acute musculo-skeletal disorders:

Initial treatment is a single oral dose of 0.2 mg meloxicam/kg body weight on the first day. Treatment is to be continued once daily by oral administration (at 24-hour

intervals) at a dose of 0.05 mg meloxicam/kg body weight for as long as acute pain and inflammation persist.

**Chronic musculo-skeletal disorders:**

Initial treatment is a single oral dose of 0.1 mg meloxicam/kg body weight on the first day. Treatment is to be continued once daily by oral administration (at 24-hour intervals) at a maintenance dose of 0.05 mg meloxicam/kg body weight. A clinical response is normally seen within 7 days. Treatment should be discontinued after 14 days at the latest if no clinical improvement is apparent.

**Dosage**

**Guinea pigs:**

**Post-operative pain associated with soft tissue surgery:**

Initial treatment is a single oral dose of 0.2 mg meloxicam/kg body weight on day 1 (pre-surgery).

Treatment is to be continued once daily by oral administration (at 24-hours intervals) at a dose of 0.1 mg meloxicam/kg body weight on day 2 to day 3 (post-surgery).

The dose can, at the discretion of the veterinarian, be titrated up to 0.5 mg/kg body weight in individual cases. The safety of doses exceeding 0.6 mg/kg body weight has, however, not been evaluated in guinea pigs.

**Route and method of administration**

To be administered either mixed with food (cats) or directly into the mouth (cats and guinea pigs) using the supplied 1 mL syringe graduated with ml scale and 0.02 mL increments.

Draw up the suspension according to the bodyweight of the animal.

Dose of 0.05 mg meloxicam/kg body weight:	0.1 mL/kg body weight
Dose of 0.1 mg meloxicam/kg body weight:	0.2 mL/kg body weight
Dose of 0.2 mg meloxicam/kg body weight:	0.4 mL/kg body weight

**9. ADVICE ON CORRECT ADMINISTRATION**

Particular care should be taken with regard to the accuracy of dosing. Shake the bottle well before use, and avoid introduction of contamination during use. The recommended dose should not be exceeded.

**10. WITHDRAWAL PERIODS**

Not applicable.

**11. SPECIAL STORAGE PRECAUTIONS**

Keep out of the sight and reach of children.

5 ml: Store below 30°C. Do not refrigerate or freeze.

10 ml: Do not refrigerate or freeze.

25 ml: Do not refrigerate or freeze.

Do not use this veterinary medicinal product after the expiry date which is stated on the carton and bottle after Exp. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

Shelf life after first opening the immediate container: 6 months.

## **12. SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS FOR DISPOSAL**

Medicines should not be disposed of via wastewater.

Ask your veterinary surgeon or pharmacist how to dispose of medicines no longer required. These measures should help to protect the environment.

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## **13. CLASSIFICATION OF VETERINARY MEDICINAL PRODUCTS**

POM-V

Veterinary medicinal product subject to prescription.

## **14. MARKETING AUTHORISATION NUMBERS AND PACK SIZES**

Vm 36408/5025

Cardboard box with 1 x 5 ml (in a 10 ml sized bottle) and an oral syringe

Cardboard box with 1 x 10 ml and an oral syringe

Cardboard box with 1 x 25 ml and an oral syringe

Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

## **15. PID LINK (Do not print heading)**

*[The following statement must be included where reference to the European Union Product Database is included on the product information. This statement is relevant to both UK(GB) and UK(NI) products:]*

Find more product information by searching for the 'Product Information Database' on [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk).

## **16. CONTACT DETAILS**

Marketing authorisation holder and manufacturer responsible for batch release:

Alfasan Nederland B.V.

Kuipersweg 9

3449 JA Woerden

The Netherlands



Manufacturer responsible for batch release:

Produlab Pharma BV  
Forellenweg 16  
4941 SJ Raamsdonksveer  
Nederland

Local representatives and contact details to report suspected adverse reactions:

None

**17. OTHER INFORMATION**

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