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Common Medications That Are Safe for Your Dog

Product	Canine Dosage	Common Use
Buffered aspirin	Give dose once or twice a day with food	Pain relief/anti-inflammatory <i>Note: do not give for more than one week straight without advice of a veterinarian, can cause ulcer in susceptible dogs</i>
	Weight Amount	
	< 10 lbs ½ baby aspirin	
	10-30 lbs 1 baby aspirin	
	30-50 lbs ½ regular aspirin	
50-100 lbs 1 regular aspirin		
over 100 lbs 2 regular aspirin		
Benadryl (diphenhydramine)	Give dose twice daily. General dose is 1 mg / pound	Allergies/itching
	Weight Amount	
	Less than 12 lbs 12.5 mg	
	12 - 25 lbs 25 mg	
	26 - 50 lbs 50 mg	
Over 51 lbs Ask vet		
Cranberry juice concentrate	Give 1/4 cup to bowl of water. Some dogs will not drink the juice, if so, capsules are available.	Urinary tract infections
Dramamine (dimenhydrinate)	Give dose ½ hour prior to travel	Motion sickness
	Weight Amount	
	Small 12.5 mg	
	Medium 25 mg	
Large 50 mg		
Glucosamine/chondroitin	Give total dose per day	Arthritis joint pain
	Weight Amount	
	< 25 lbs 500 mg	
	25-50 lbs 1000 mg	
over 50 lbs 1500 mg		
Hydrocortisone	Apply a small amount up to two times daily	Itchy, raw or irritated skin
Hydrogen peroxide 3%	Give 10 ml by mouth every 15 minutes	Induce vomiting after accidental ingestion of a poison
Imodium (loperamide)	Follow child dosage	Diarrhea

Maalox (aluminum with magnesium hydroxide)	Up to 4 teaspoons every 8 hours	Antacid and anti-gas	
Mineral oil	Up to 4 teaspoons daily	Constipation	
Pepcid AC	Give dose once or twice daily.	Ulcers, acid reflux or belly ache	
	Talk to your vet first		
	Weight		Amount
	Small		¼ tablet
	Medium	½ tablet	
	Large	1 whole tablet	
Pepto Bismol	Give 1 teaspoon per 20 pounds of weight every 4-6 hours for 24 hours or until symptoms begin to resolve	Mild vomiting or stomach gas, diarrhea	

Other common medications

Antibiotic ointments: Helpful in the treatment of small wounds, bites or minor infections. Always thoroughly clean the wound with soap and water first.

Antibacterial soap: Can be use to clean any wound or injury.

Nasal sprays: Saline nasal spray and pediatric nasal sprays (Little Noses) can be given in puppies and dogs to alleviate dryness and nasal congestion associated with a cold.

Common Medications to Avoid in Your Dog

Tylenol

This seemingly safe drug used in humans for headaches and fever, can actually be deadly to your dog. Check with your veterinarian whether you can safely use this drug for your dog.

Sudafed

Pseudoephedrine is a decongestant found in many cold remedies, but acts like a stimulant in dogs, who can experience elevated heart rates and seizures.

Many Prescription Medications

Pets often snatch pill vials from counters and nightstands or gobble up meds accidentally dropped on the floor. If accidental ingestion is suspected, call your veterinarian or the pharmacy.