Diazepam (Valium®)

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Diazepam is used in dogs, cats, and other pets as a sedative, anticonvulsant, and to treat certain behavior disorders, such as anxiety. It may also be used for its effect of relaxing both skeletal muscles (muscles used in movement) and smooth muscles (muscles of the digestive system and urinary bladder). In cats, it has been used as an appetite stimulant. Use with extreme caution in animals that have liver disease or are aggressive. May cause birth defects. Contact your veterinarian if your pet experiences behavior changes, loss of appetite, vomiting, depression, jaundice (yellowing of the gums, skin, or whites of the eyes), weakness, pale gums, an increased tendency to bruise or bleed, incoordination, or difficulty breathing while being treated with diazepam.

Keep this and all other medications out of the reach of children and pets.

If you think your pet has been poisoned...

Contact your veterinarian or one of the Animal Poison Hotlines (listed below) if you think your pet may have accidentally received or been given an overdose of the medication.

**ASPCA National Animal Poison Control Center

1-888-4ANI-HELP (1-888-426-4435). $65.00 per case, billed to caller's credit card.

Follow-up calls can be made for no additional charge by dialing 888-299-2973.

There is no charge when the call involves a product covered by the Animal Product Safety Service.

**Pet Poison Helpline - 24-hour service available throughout North America for pet owners and veterinary professionals who require assistance with treating a potentially poisoned pet.

1-800-213-6680 ($35.00 per incident). Staffed 24-hours a day.

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