

CANINE BRONCHITIS THERAPY INHALED BRONCHODILATOR

DRUG Albuterol (*PROVENTIL 17g., VENTOLIN 90mcg*)
DOSE Only comes in one size dose

Why Use ALBUTEROL

1. It is more rapidly acting than the oral or sq or i.m. form of terbutaline
2. It is more effective than the theophylline compounds (theodur)

INDICATIONS

Bronchitis in Dogs

1. Maybe be used as needed for bronchitis dog already on daily steroids – if there is increased cough, wheeze or increased respiratory rate and effort at rest
2. Usually used only as needed for dogs with intermittent signs of bronchitis (not daily signs)

WHAT ARE POTENTIAL SIDE EFFECTS?

1. Musculoskeletal twitchiness, little tachycardia
2. Excitability, insomnia, anorexia
3. THESE SIDE EFFECTS WAIN WITHIN A FEW HOURS!

WHAT ARE POTENTIAL PROBLEMS?

1. This drug is very safe-with profound overdose there are reported problems with potassium regulation-I have never seen this.

How to Use:

1. Rx the drug as the generic (Albuterol MDI) - One puffs into spacer given individually. Puffer and Spacer shaken between each puff BID
2. Dog should breathe the drug through the mask and spacer for 2-5 seconds.
3. Positive clinical effect should be seen within 5-10 minutes.
4. Can be used every ½ hr for 2-4 hrs as needed in crisis
5. USE ONLY AS A RESCUE DRUG WHENEVER POSSIBLE