Bromocriptine

Parlodel® is another name for this medication.

How Is This Medication Useful?
- Bromocriptine has been used to treat Cushing's disease in horses and some dogs and has also been used to eliminate false pregnancies in dogs.

Are There Conditions or Times When Its Use Might Cause More Harm Than Good?
- Bromocriptine should not be used in patients that have high blood pressure.
- Animals with liver disease will have difficulty eliminating bromocriptine from their bodies and are more at risk for toxicity.
- Bromocriptine should not be used in pregnant animals and, as it stops the flow of milk, should not be used in nursing mothers.
- If your animal has any of the above conditions, talk to your veterinarian about the potential risks of using the medication versus the benefits that it might have.

What Side Effects Can Be Seen With Its Use?
- Typical adverse effects from bromocriptine include nausea and vomiting. Giving the medication with food may reduce these effects.
- Bromocriptine also causes fatigue, drowsiness and lowers blood pressure.

How Should It Be Given?
- Bromocriptine should be given with food to decrease the risk of nausea and vomiting. The successful outcome of your animal’s treatment with this medication depends upon your commitment and ability to administer it exactly as the veterinarian has prescribed. Please do not skip doses or stop giving the medication. If you have difficulty giving doses consult your veterinarian or pharmacist who can offer administration techniques or change the dosage form to a type of medication that may be more acceptable to you and your animal.

- If you miss a dose of this medication you should give it as soon as you remember it, but if it is within a few hours of the regularly scheduled dose, wait and give it at the regular time. Do not double a dose as this can be toxic to your pet.
- Some other drugs can interact with this medication so tell your veterinarian about any drugs or foods that you currently give your animal. Do not give new foods or medications without first asking your veterinarian.

Dogs and Cats: Dogs will receive this drug orally once daily with food for 1-2 weeks to end symptoms of false pregnancy.

Horses: Horses will receive this drug as an injection twice daily to treat pituitary adenoma (Cushing’s Disease). It must not be used in performing horses, however, as the Association of Racing Commissioners International has declared it a Class 2 drug.

What Other Information Is Important About This Medication?
- Bromocriptine should be stored in a tight, light resistant, childproof container away from all children and other household pets.