Cefixime

Suprax® is another name for this medication.

How Is This Medication Useful?
- Cefixime is a powerful, broad-spectrum antibiotic that is used to treat serious infections that do not respond to other antibiotics.

Are There Conditions or Times When Its Use Might Cause More Harm Than Good?
- Animals that are allergic to penicillin or penicillin-like drugs should probably not receive cefixime.
- Cefixime is eliminated by the kidneys and the dose must be reduced in animals with kidney damage.
- Cefixime and other cephalosporins may precipitate seizures and should be used with caution in epileptic animals.
- You should always give all of the medication as directed by your veterinarian. If the entire course of treatment is not finished, the germ causing the infection may become stronger than the antibiotics and cause a worsening infection.
- 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?
- Cefixime does not usually cause any side effects, but some animals may experience stomach upset, vomiting or diarrhea. Giving cefixime with food may decrease this effect.
- Some animals may experience rashes from cefixime.
- Cefixime may cause a false positive when used with some brands of dip sticks used to check for sugar in the urine of diabetic animals.

How Should It Be Given?
- Cefixime can be given with or without food. 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 and cats usually receive this medication orally as tablets or as a liquid once or twice daily.
- Horses: Horses should not receive this medication orally as it may cause a life-threatening diarrhea or colic.

What Other Information Is Important About This Medication?
- Cefixime should be stored in a tight, light resistant, childproof container away from all children and other household pets. Liquids can be stored in or out of the refrigerator but should be discarded after 14 days. Liquids should be shaken well before use.