Trimeprazine with Prednisolone

Temaril-P® is another name for this medication.

How Is This Medication Useful?
- Trimeprazine and prednisolone is an antihista-
mine-glucocorticoid combination used to treat
severe itching in animals. It may also be useful
as a cough suppressant.

Are There Conditions or Times When Its Use
Might Cause More Harm Than Good?
- Because Temaril-P® has a glucocorticoid (steroid) in
it, it should not be used in respiratory infections
without an antibiotic to control the infection.
Steroids can often worsen infections as they
suppress the immune system.
- Steroids (e.g., prednisolone) should never be used in
the presence of fungal infection as these
drugs will make the fungal infection much
worse.
- Animals with Cushing’s disease already make
too much glucocorticoid (steroid) and this drug
should not be used in those animals.
- Steroids should not be used in diabetic animals
or pregnant animals.
- Trimeprazine is an antihistamine of the type that
has been known to cause seizures in animals
prone to having them. If your pet has ever had
a seizure, you should let your veterinarian know
before using this drug.
- 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?
- Drowsiness is a common side effect from anti-
histamines.
- Trimeprazine may also cause muscle tremors,
rigidity and restlessness.
- Animals treated with prednisolone will have in-
creased appetite, increased thirst and an in-
creased need to urinate. You should be aware
that your pet may need to go out more fre-
quently to urinate. As it is stressful to some pets
to have “accidents” you should make sure that
your pet can go outside or have a clean litter box
when needed.
- Glucocorticoid drugs will suppress your animal’s
immune system and may increase the risk for in-
fec tion. If your pet shows any signs of fever
(103-105°F in most dogs and cats), or acts like it
has a urinary tract infection (frequent or painful
urination) you should contact your veterinarian
immediately.
- Some animals on long-term therapy with predni-
solone will develop Cushing’s disease. If your pet
shows signs of dry hair coat or hair loss, weak-
ness and muscle loss, darkening of the skin, or
develops a pot-belly, you should contact your
vet erinar ian.
- Some animals may become aggressive while on
prednisolone. You should contact your veterinari-
ian if this behavior change occurs or does not go
away with time.
- Prednisolone will cause changes in your pet’s
insulin requirements if it is a diabetic. You
should ask your veterinarian for instructions on
how to deal with these changes if your pet is re-
ceiving insulin injections.

How Should It Be Given?
- Trimeprazine and prednisolone should be given
orally with food to reduce the chances of stom-
ach ulcers or irritation. If given once daily,
trimeprazine and prednisolone is usually given
in the morning to dogs, and in the evening to
cats as this will more closely mimic their natural
hormone cycles.
- The successful outcome of your animal’s treat-
ment 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 veteri-
arian or pharmacist who can offer administra-
tion 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 medica-
tion 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: Dogs usually receive this drug orally twice
daily with food.

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