Tylosin

Tylan® is another name for this medication.

How Is This Medication Useful?
- Tylosin is a macrolide antibiotic that is used to treat certain types of chronic diarrhea in dogs and cats.

Are There Conditions or Times When Its Use Might Cause More Harm Than Good?
- Tylosin should not be used in animals that are allergic to it or to other drugs like it.
- Tylosin should not be given to horses as it may kill all the helpful bacteria in their intestines and cause a fatal diarrhea.
- It is not known if tylosin can be used safely in pregnancy but there are no reports of adverse effects when used in pregnant animals.
- 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?
- Some animals may have a mild stomach ache when first receiving tylosin and experience vomiting and an initial worsening of diarrhea.

How Should It Be Given?
- Tylosin should be given with food orally twice daily. The only products available are powdered formulations that are very bitter and may be rejected by the animal. Your veterinarian may instruct you how to administer the powder mixed in water or food or may have it compounded into oral capsules for an exact dose that may be more accepted by your animal. If you mix the powder with water, it must be made fresh every 3 days or it will break down and not be effective.

- 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 tylosin orally as a powder, liquid or capsule twice daily. If given as a liquid, solutions should be made fresh every 3 days.
- **Horses:** Tylosin should not be given orally to horses as it can cause a fatal diarrhea.

What Other Information Is Important About This Medication?
- Tylosin powder and capsules should be stored in a tight, light resistant, childproof container away from all children and other household pets.
- Tylosin liquids should be discarded every 3 days and fresh ones made.