



Breeders' Briefcase

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Drugs That May Or May Not Be Used in Pregnant Dogs

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With a few exceptions as noted below, one should avoid using all medications in pregnant and lactating (nursing) dogs. There may be instances in which a medication not recommended for use during pregnancy may need to be used to save the life of the bitch, even though it may potentially harm the fetuses. Always consult with your veterinarian before administering any drug or supplement to a pregnant or nursing dog.

NOTE: This listing is for informational purposes only, and is not meant as veterinary advice. As in all cases, please contact your veterinarian for professional advice. This is only a partial listing of drugs that should be avoided in pregnant or nursing dogs. A listing of all such drugs is beyond the scope of this article.

Acemannan- Do Not Use

Acepromazine- Do Not Use

Acetylcysteine- Use as an antidote, only.

Activated Charcoal- May Be Used

Albuterol- Do Not Use

Allopurinol- Do Not Use

Amikacin- Do Not Use

Aminopenicillins (Amoxicillin, Ampicillin)- Safety Studies in Dogs Not Available;
Consult Your Veterinarian

Aminopentamide (Centrine)- Safety Studies in Dogs Not Available; Consult Your
Veterinarian

Amitraz (Mitaban, Preventic Collars)- Do Not Use

Amitriptyline (Elavil)- Do Not Use

Antacids (Maalox, Milk of Magnesia)- Do Not Use

Artificial Tears- May Be Used

Aspirin- Do Not Use

Atropine Eye Medication- May Be Used

Azathioprine (Imuran)- Do Not Use

Bismuth Subsalicylate (Pepto Bismol)- Do Not Use

Buspirone (Buspar)- Do Not Use

Butorphanol (Torbutrol, Torbugesic)- Do Not Use

Carprofen (Rimadyl)- Do Not Use

Cephalosporins (Keflex, Cefa-drops)- Safety Studies in Dogs Not Available;
Consult Your Veterinarian

Chlorpheniramine (Chlor-Trimeton)- Do Not Use

Cimetidine (Tagamet)- Do Not Use

Cisapride (Propulsid)- Do Not Use
 Clemastine (Tavist 1)- Do Not Use
 Clindamycin (Antirobe)- Use with caution.
 Clomipramine (Clomicalm, Anafranil)- Do Not Use
 Cyclosporin (Optimmune)- Safety Studies in Dogs Not Available; Consult Your Veterinarian
 Cyproheptadine- Do Not Use
 Dextromethorphan- Do Not Use
 Diazepam (Valium)- Do Not Use
 Digoxin (Cardoxin)- Give only if clearly needed.
 Dimenhydrinate (Dramamine)- Do Not Use
 Diphenhydramine (Benadryl)- Do Not Use
 DMSO (Synotic)- Do Not Use
 DOCP- Do Not Use
 Enalapril (Enacard, Vasotec)- Do Not Use
 Enrofloxacin (Baytril)- Do Not Use
 Epsiprantel (Cestex)- Do Not Use
 Erythromycin- Do Not Use
 Erythropoietin (EPO, Epogen)- Do Not Use
 Estrogens (ECP, DES)- Do Not Use
 Etodolac (EtoGestic)- Do Not Use
 Extended Spectrum Penicillins (Carbenicillin)- Do Not Use
 Famotidine (Pepcid)- Do Not Use
 Fatty acids- Not recommended for pregnant humans.
 Fenbendazole (Panacur)- May Be Used
 Fentanyl- Do Not Use
 Fipronil (Frontline)
 Frontline Plus- May Be Used
 Frontline Top Spot- May Be Used
 Frontline Spray- Do Not Use
 Fludrocortisone (Florinef)- Do Not Use
 Fluoxetine (Prozac)- Do Not Use
 Furosemide (Lasix)- Do Not Use
 Gentamicin (Gentocin)- Do Not Use
 Glucocorticosteroids (Prednisone, Dexamethasone, Hydrocortisone)- Do Not Use
 Glycosaminoglycans (Glucosamine, Chondroitin)- Safety Studies in Dogs Not Available; Consult Your Veterinarian
 Griseofulvin (Fulvicin)- Do Not Use
 Hydroxyzine (Atarax)- Do Not Use
 Imidacloprid (Advantage)- Do Not Use
 Insulin- May Be Used Note: Diabetic dogs should not be bred.
 Itraconazole (Sporanox)- Do Not Use
 Ivermectin (Heartgard)- May Be Used
 Kanamycin (Amforal, Kantrim)- Do Not Use
 Kaolin (Kaopectate, Canine Pectate)- May Be Used

****CAUTION: Some Kaopectate includes bismuth salicylate as an ingredient.

Dogs that may have an allergy to aspirin, or are taking aspirin, steroids, or another non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) such as Rimadyl, EtoGestic, or Deramaxx should not be given the formulation with bismuth salicylate unless directed by a veterinarian.

Loperamide (Immodium)- Do Not Use
Lufenuron (Program) - May Be Used
Mannitol- Do Not Use
Marbofloxacin (Zeniquin)- Do Not Use
Mebendazole (Telmintic)- Do Not Use
Meclofenamic Acid (Arquel)- Do Not Use
Melarsomine (Immiticide)- Do Not Use
Methimazole (Tapazole)- Do Not Use
Methionine (Methigel, Methio-Form)- Do Not Use
Metoclopramide (Reglan)- Safety Studies in Dogs Not Available; Consult Your Veterinarian
Metronidazole (Flagyl)- Do Not Use
Mibolerone (Cheque Drops)- Do Not Use
Milbemycin (Interceptor, Sentinel)- May Be Used
Misoprostol (Cytotec)- Do Not Use
Mitotane (o,p-DDD, Lysodren)- Do Not Use
Natural Penicillins (Penicillin G, Crystiben, Penicillin V)- Do Not Use
Neomycin- Do Not Use
Novobiocin (Albaplex)- Do Not Use
Omeprazole (Prilosec)- Do Not Use
Orbifloxacin (Orbax)- Do Not Use
Oxytocin (Pitocin)- May Be Used at delivery.
Pancreatic Enzymes (Pancrezyme, Viokase-K)- May Be Used
Penicillinase Resistant Penicillins (Cloxacillin)- Do Not Use
Pentobarbital- Do Not Use
Permethrin (Bio Spot-Spot On for Dogs, K9 Advantix)- Safety Studies in Dogs Not Available; Consult Your Veterinarian
Phenobarbital- Do Not Use
Phenylbutazone- Do Not Use
Phenylpropanolamine (Dexatrim)- Do Not Use
Phenytoin (Dilantin)- Do Not Use
Phytonadione (Vitamin K)- Do Not Use
Piperazine (Happy Jack Kennel Wormer, Purina Liquid Wormer, Sergeants Worm Away, Pipa Tabs, Piper Worm Wormer)- May Be Used but other wormers are preferred.
Polysulfated Glycosaminoglycan (Adequan)- Do Not Use
Potassium- Depends on type & reason for use.
Potassium Bromide- Do Not Use
Potentiated Penicillins (Clavamox, Augmentin)- Do Not Use
Praziquantel (Droncit, Drontal, Tradewinds Tapeworm Tabs)- Do Not Use
Primidone- Do Not Use
Progestins (Megestrol acetate, Ovaban)- Do Not Use
Psyllium (Metamucil, Vetasyl)- May Be Used
Pyrantel Pamoate (ProWormer-2, Nemex)- May Be Used. Do not use wormers with additional ingredients.
Ranitidine (Zantac)- Do Not Use
Rotenone (Goodwinol Ointment)- May Be Used. Caution: Do not use on puppies, or expose puppies to this medication.
Selamectin (Revolution)- May Be Used
Selegiline (Anipryl)- Do Not Use

Sucralfate- Safety Studies in Dogs Not Available; Consult Your Veterinarian
Sulfadimethoxine (Albon, Bactrovet)- Do Not Use
Sulfadimethoxine & Ormetoprim (Primor)- Do Not Use
Terbutaline- Do Not Use
Tetracyclines (Doxycycline, Oxytetracycline)- Do Not Use
Theophylline (Theo-Dur)- Do Not Use
Thiacetarsamide (Caparsolate)- Use with caution.
Thyroxine (Synthroid, Soloxine)- May Be Used. Note: Hypothyroid dogs should not be bred.
Trimeprazine (Temaril-P)- Do Not Use
Trimethoprim & Sulfadiazine (Tribrissen)- Do Not Use

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