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What Human Medicine can I give my Dog?

While we do what we can to protect our dogs from illness through a healthy lifestyle, plenty of exercise and nutritious food as well as regular veterinary care they will get sick from time to time.

Many human medicines are safe and effective for dogs providing that they are used correctly with the right dosage for your dog's weight and size. Some of which include;

#1 Antihistamine, such as Benadryl

Antihistamines are great at treating dog allergies such as hayfever and soothe itching; they can also be useful to relieve symptoms of bites and sensitive skin reactions. It is important that you <u>don't use an antihistamine with added</u> <u>decongestants</u> as these can be dangerous for your dog to consume.

Dosage: 0.5mg per pound of bodyweight.

#2 Miconazole

To treat uncomplicated fungal infections, antifungal drugs such as miconazole can be useful to relieve symptoms in your dog, especially as quick relief before you have the chance to visit the vet.

Dosage: use a concentration of 1% and rub a very small amount of lotion into the affected area.

#3 Dramamine

For dogs and owners who suffer from motion sickness, Dramamine is highly effective. <u>Don't give Dramamine to pregnant bitches</u> and make sure that dose your dog correctly to avoid side effects such as drowsiness or sun sensitivity. Probably

cheaper than buying it from the vets. It cost us a fortune every time we go on a long journey. Will try this in future.

Dosage: 2-4mg per pound of bodyweight, administered no more than three times daily.

#4 Imodium AD

To help relieve diarrhoea and an upset stomach, you can treat it at home with Imodium. Do not give to <u>herding breeds or if the diarrhoea could be because of an</u> <u>infection</u>. It is only wise to give your dog Imodium if they are generally healthy and have no other health conditions.

Dosage: 1ml per pound of bodyweight every eight hours.

#5 Famotidine

Famotidine is a great medicine that helps to reduce the production of stomach acid, helping to relieve the symptoms of stomach ulcers, acid reflux and upset stomachs. Do not use with pregnant bitches or dogs with heart, liver or kidney <u>disease.</u>

Dosage: 0.2mg per pound of bodyweight every 12 hours.

#6 Glucosamine

A useful treatment for osteoarthritis and hip dysplasia as it can help to protect cartilage, relieve pain and help joints to have a greater range of mobility. Often glucosamine can have a remarkable effect, but as always, no dog responds to the same treatment in the same way.

Dosage: 250mg per 25 pounds of bodyweight every day. The maximum dosage is 1500mg per day.

#7 Hydrocortisone

Hydrocortisone cream or spray can be used to help reduce itching and soothe raw or irritated skin. It can be used for hives, spots, bites and stings. Hydrocortisone only helps to alleviate symptoms it will not cure the problem or remove the allergy.

Dosage: Rub a small amount in, and make sure your dog doesn't immediately try to lick it off.

This page is not meant to take the place of vet's advice. If your dog is seriously ill than head to your local vet.

We love your feedback. Please let us know if you have any other advice on over the counter remedies that can help your chihuahua.