

# NON-STEROIDAL ANTI-INFLAMMATORY DRUGS (NSAIDS) NOT for Every Dog!

## Do You Know...

🐾 A Client Information Sheet (CIS) should accompany ALL NSAIDS distributed by your veterinarian. **If you didn't get it, don't give it!**

🐾 Not having the information provided on the CIS could mean permanent damage or even death to your pet.

🐾 In some dogs, adverse reactions can occur within hours of taking the first dose. NEVER give your pet a medication and then leave them alone.

🐾 Adverse reactions in some dogs may take months before they become apparent, and this reaction may take the form of organ failure in the liver or kidneys.

🐾 NSAIDS are serious drugs and can have deadly consequences!

🐾 Some pre-existing medical conditions predispose pets to adverse reactions to these drugs.

🐾 This class of drugs has not been tested for long-term use.

Client Information Sheets (CIS) are provided BY manufacturers FOR veterinarians to dispense to clients. They are essentially a copy of the information found on drug package inserts, which includes:

- 1 – side effect / adverse reaction symptoms & signs
- 2 – food/drug interaction warnings
- 3 – directions for proper use
- 4 – contraindications (when the medication should NOT be used, such as pre-existing conditions)
- 5 – poison control contact information in case of overdose or adverse reaction

## Don't let your beloved companion become a statistic!

If you have concerns about a product's safety/efficacy, continue your RESEARCH using the following as a starting point! For the love of your pet, "When in doubt, don't!"

<http://www.dogsadversereactions.com/nsaid/nsaidspage.html> - Lots of information about NSAIDs.

<http://www.glucosamine-arthritis.org/arthritis-pets/NSAIDS-rimadyl-pets.html> - Information about the hazards of NSAIDS, as well as safer alternatives.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/PetAdvocate101> - Yahoo group with LOTS of links in the files and support for those seeking answers

<http://www.populli.net/doghealth2/> - B.A.R.K.S. (Be Aware of Rimadyl's Known Side-effects)

<http://rimadyldeath.com/> - Detailed information obtained from the FDA Adverse Drug Experience Reports on the potential adverse reactions to common NSAIDS.

<http://www.shirleys-wellness-cafe.com/steroids.htm> - Information on natural alternatives to NSAIDS.

<http://www.srdogs.com/> - Senior Dogs Project – information about issues affecting older dogs, including heartworm prevention and the use of NSAIDS.

<http://www.srdogs.com/Pages/Rimadyl.Rogers.html> - Do's and Don't's of NSAIDS use.

