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Do Not Crush List of Pet Medications

Medications that should not be crushed when used for pet care. This list was developed and reviewed by veterinarians and licensed pharmacists.



Key

ER / XR	DR	CR	CD	EC
Extended-release	Delayed-release	Controlled-release	Controlled-dose	Enteric-coated
Oral suspension packet	Tablet	Capsule	Tablet or capsule	Some capsules (e.g., cyclosporine) may be liquid-filled.

Generic name	Form	Release type	Reason
Amoxicillin / clavulanate		XR	Modified-release
Aspirin		EC	Irritant
Azathioprine		-	Hazardous/teratogenic
Bexagliflozin		-	Bad taste
Budesonide		ER	Modified-release
Chlorambucil		-	Hazardous/teratogenic
Chloramphenicol		-	Hazardous/teratogenic
Ciprofloxacin		-	Bad taste
Clarithromycin		ER	Modified-release
Clonidine		ER	Modified-release
Cyclophosphamide		-	Hazardous/teratogenic
Cyclosporine		Modified	Hazardous, modified-release
Diltiazem		ER / CD / XR	Modified-release
Doxycycline		DR	Modified-release
Erythromycin delayed-release		DR	Modified-release
Erythromycin ethylsuccinate		-	Bad taste
Esomeprazole		CR	Modified-release
Ferrous sulfate		-	Irritant
Finasteride		-	Hazardous/teratogenic
Fluvoxamine		ER	Modified-release
Gabapentin		-	Bad taste
Hydroxyurea		-	Hazardous/teratogenic
Isotretinoin		-	Hazardous/teratogenic, irritant

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Leflunomide		-	Amorphous solid dispersion
Levetiracetam		-	Bad taste
Levetiracetam		XR	Modified-release
Lithium carbonate		ER	Modified-release
Lomustine		-	Hazardous/teratogenic
Methimazole		-	Hazardous/teratogenic
Metoprolol succinate		ER	Modified-release
Metronidazole		-	Bad taste
Miltefosine		-	Hazardous/teratogenic
Minocycline		ER	Modified-release
Mitotane		-	Hazardous/teratogenic
Mycophenolate		-	Hazardous/teratogenic
Omeprazole		DR	Modified-release
Oxybutynin		ER	Modified-release
Pantoprazole		DR	Modified-release
Pentoxifylline		ER	Modified-release
Phenylpropanolamine		ER	Modified-release
Piroxicam		-	Irritant
Posaconazole		DR	Amorphous solid dispersion, modified-release
Praziquantel		-	Bad taste
Propranolol		ER	Modified-release
Pyridostigmine		ER	Modified-release
Robenacoxib		-	Bad taste
Sirolimus		-	Nanocrystal, hazardous/teratogenic
Sulfasalazine		DR	Modified-release
Tacrolimus		-	Hazardous/teratogenic
Tamsulosin		ER	Modified-release
Theophylline		ER	Modified-release
Toceranib		-	Hazardous/teratogenic, coated tablet
Topiramate		-	Bad taste
Topiramate		ER	Modified-release
Tramadol		ER	Modified-release
Trazodone		-	Bad taste
Venlafaxine		ER	Modified-release
Verapamil		ER	Modified-release

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