

FENTANYL TRANSDERMAL PATCH (DUROGESIC) - HOME CARE NOTES

Your animal is being sent home with a fentanyl patch placed on their skin.

This patch will usually be located on one of the legs. There is a time and date of application written on the patch. This handout is to provide you with information regarding this product. If you have any questions that are not answered by this handout, please contact us at the phone number below.

What is a Fentanyl patch?

A fentanyl patch is a thin adhesive patch placed directly on the skin. The patch delivers pain relief medication continuously through the skin and into the bloodstream. Fentanyl is a narcotic pain reliever and sensitive to increases in body temperature (i.e. fever, exercise, overheating, and hot compresses) which may result in an increase in the amount of medication delivered and risk of side effects.

Adverse effects: sedation, dysphoria (howling and whining), slowed heart rate, slowed breathing, and constipation.

How long does it last? The patch will last approximately three (3) days from the activation time (12 hours post-application)

Warnings: This product is a NARCOTIC drug (controlled drug) that requires government documentation to order and stock it. Please make sure your pet does not lick or chew at the fentanyl patch bandage. If you suspect your pet has eaten the fentanyl patch please call the clinic Immediately. Please keep away from children to ensure that they do not bite or swallow the patch – as this drug can be toxic if swallowed. Do not use heating pads, blankets or hot water bottles on the same site as the patch – this can cause an increased amount of the drug to be absorbed by your pet. If you have any concerns regarding this medication or overt side effects please do not hesitate to contact CPVS on 07 5445 5288