

Zorbium® Owner Handout

Your cat received Zorbium® (buprenorphine transdermal solution). It is a long-acting opioid applied to the back of the neck (NADA 141-547).

Important Safety Warning

Do NOT touch the application site. Prevent other pets from grooming it. Wear gloves if needed and wash hands after contact. Fur may remain oily beyond 30 minutes—avoid contact for 24 hours.

How Long It Lasts

Label: 4 days (96 hours). Half-life ~65 hours (range up to ~86). Monitor your cat for at least 5 days.

Emergency Signs — Get Help Immediately

- 1 Unresponsive or extremely hard to wake
- 2 Slow or labored breathing
- 3 Blue, pale, or white gums
- 4 Cannot stand or walk
- 5 Seizures or severe trembling
- 6 Repeated vomiting or no eating >24 hrs

Expected Mild Effects

- 1 Sleepiness or low energy
- 2 Eating slightly less
- 3 Mild disorientation (24–48 hrs)

Human Safety

Zorbium® contains an opioid that can be absorbed through skin. Avoid contact with the application site and wash hands after handling your cat.

Who to Call

Vet/Clinic: First point of contact
Emergency Vet: After hours
FDA (Animal): 1-888-FDA-VETS
Elanco: 1-888-545-5973

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