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FENTANYL PATCH

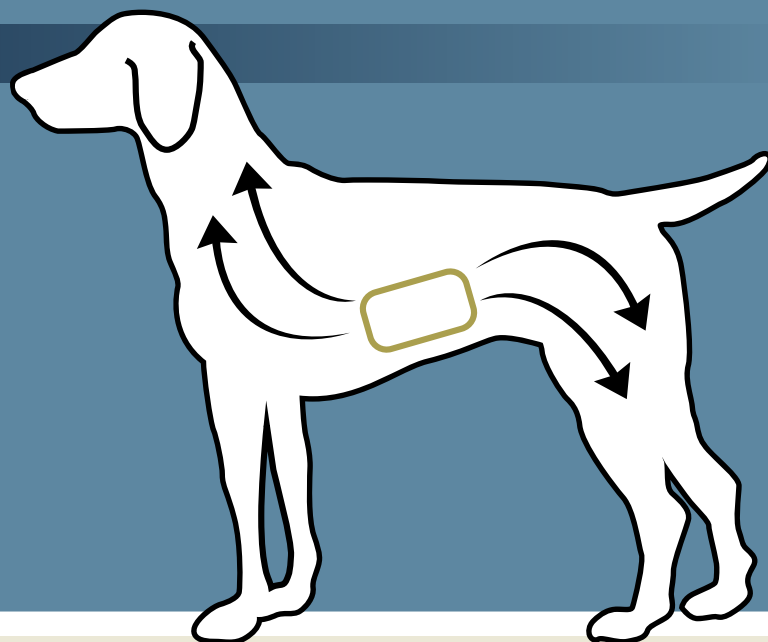
WHAT IS IT?

A fentanyl patch is a small square that attaches to the skin of the animal and allows pain medication to be absorbed through the skin and distributed by the bloodstream. It is an effective way to provide pain relief to animals.



WHY SHOULD A PATCH BE USED?

A patch should be used to provide constant delivery of the drug fentanyl to a patient with on-going pain. Continuous delivery of pain relief can be more effective than periodic administration of oral or injectable medication.



HOW DOES THE PATCH WORK?

The patch is attached to the skin by adhesive on the back of the patch. Hair must be shaved for complete exposure to the skin. The medication inside the patch is released slowly over time into the skin and distributed through the body. **The patch takes 6-12 hours to take effect and lasts 3-5 days.** Usually **one patch** will be sufficient to relieve your pet's pain.

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WHAT ARE SOME EFFECTS TO LOOK FOR?

- MOST COMMON SIDE EFFECTS** Some of the most common side effects are: skin rash, itching, blisters, upset stomach, vomiting, and constipation.
- MOST SERIOUS SIDE EFFECT** The most serious potential side effect is respiratory depression. This is a rare problem but if unusual weakness is observed, please contact us immediately. This effect could become a significant risk if the patch is exposed to heat (electric blankets, sitting near a heater vent, or laying on a heated water bed).
- WHAT NOT TO ALLOW** Please do not allow your pet to chew, scratch or remove the patch for it may be toxic if swallowed. It is important to come in or contact us if this occurs. Avoid situations where the patch could be excessively heated.
- AS PATCH WEARS OFF** Sometimes as the patch is wearing off, your pet may experience discomfort. If this occurs, please contact us since there are drugs that can interact poorly with the patch.



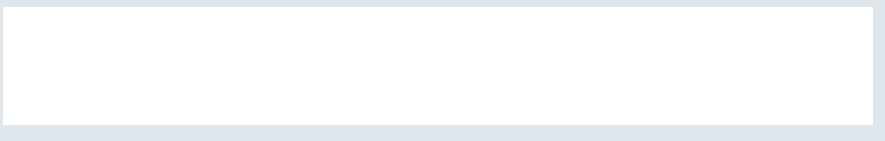
REMOVAL & PRECAUTIONS

Fentanyl is a controlled drug meaning that special government regulations are enforced to administer it. Veterinary Specialty Center recommends patches be returned to us for proper disposal. You should wash your hands thoroughly after removing the patch. The patch should be kept away from children and other pets due to its potential toxicity.

If the patch falls off prematurely, please notify us. Do not attempt to reapply the patch yourself. Avoid situations where the patch could be excessively heated.

If you have any questions about the fentanyl patch or any of the pain relief protocols used at VSC, please feel free to ask our professional staff.

PLEASE REMOVE YOUR PET'S FENTANYL PATCH



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