

DOG-FRIENDLY OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICATIONS

Before giving any medication to your dog, always ask your veterinarian if it is okay to do so. Even human meds deemed to be “safe” can be toxic to certain breeds of pets, or ones with pre-existing conditions. Dosages given below are suggestions only. Consult your vet before administering.



BUFFERED ASPIRIN

To relieve pain and inflammation

- ½ baby aspirin for dogs under 10 pounds
- 1 baby aspirin for dogs 10–30 pounds
- ½ regular aspirin for dogs 30–50 pounds
- 1 regular aspirin for dogs 50–100 pounds
- 2 regular aspirins for dogs over 100 pounds



HYDROGEN PEROXIDE

Used to induce vomiting after accidental ingestion of toxic substances

- 10 milliliters by mouth (administered with a plastic syringe)



BENADRYL

For allergies and itching

- 1 milligram per pound of dog

DRAMAMINE

For motion sickness

- 12.5 milligrams for small dogs
- 25 milligrams for medium dogs
- 50 milligrams for large dogs



GAS-X

To minimize flatulence or gas discomfort

- ¼ adult dose for small dogs
- ½ adult dose for medium dogs
- 1 adult dose for large dogs

HYDROCORTISONE

For itching or irritated skin

- Small amount of ointment applied topically (up to twice daily)



IMODIUM A-D

For diarrhea

- 1 milligram per pound of dog



PEPCID AC [Famotidine] / ZANTAC [Ranitidine]

To reduce stomach acids caused by ulcers, acid reflux, or bellyache

- ¼ tablet for dogs under 20 pounds
- ½ tablet for dogs 20–60 pounds
- 1 tablet for dogs over 60 pounds



PEPTO BISMOL

For diarrhea, vomiting, and gas

- 1 teaspoon per 20 pounds of dog's weight
(Note: Pepto Bismol is toxic to cats!)



ROBITUSSIN DM

For coughing or hacking

- 1 teaspoon per 10 pounds of dog's weight

