

Equine Newsletter

Previcox Update



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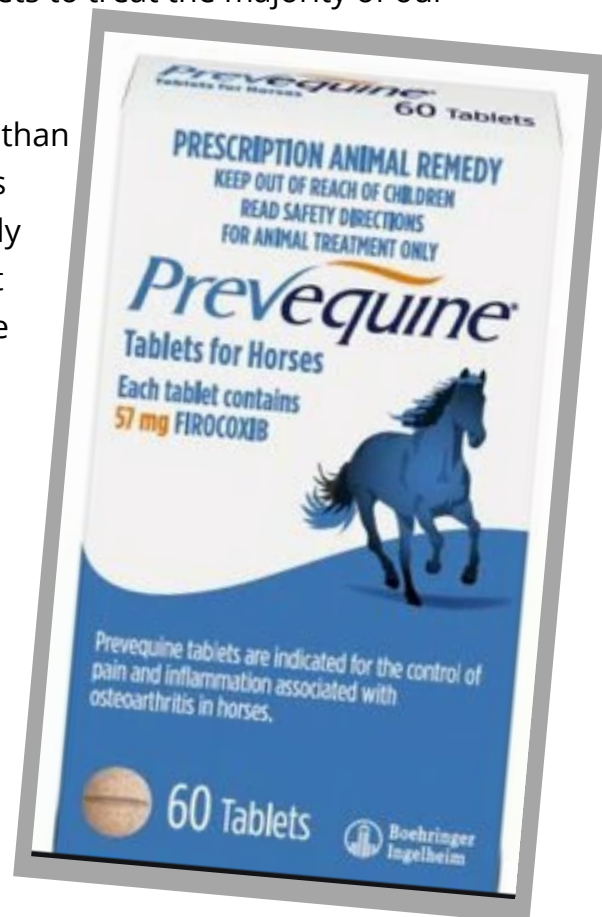
We have many patients on Previcox for various reasons. We wanted to give all of our clients a heads up on some changes you will see with this medication moving forwards. Previcox is a brand name for the drug firocoxib. Up until recently we did not have a firocoxib that was on label for horses, which is why we have been using Previcox, when Previcox is actually a medication that is labelled for dogs.

Boehringer Ingelheim has come out with a firocoxib that is specifically designed for horses. This new product is called PrevEquine. If there is a labelled equine product available for sale our governing body dictates that we must use this product over others available on the market. As such all of our patients will be switching from Previcox to PrevEquine over the coming months.

There are many upsides to having a labelled medication. This means that the company has completed safety trials specifically in horses. It also means that the medication will be in a format that is an appropriate size for horses. We will no longer have to divide tablets to treat the majority of our patients.

One downside is that PrevEquine will be slightly more expensive than Previcox. We are going to do everything we can to help make this transition easier for our clients as we realize that many of you rely on this medication to keep your horses comfortable. Our current plan is to do incremental price increases so there is not one large price jump.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call the office and talk with our staff.



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