

SEP 27 2001

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION SUMMARY**

**Rimadyl® (carprofen) Caplets for Dogs**

**S/NADA 141-053  
August 20, 2001**

**Pfizer Inc  
235 East 42<sup>nd</sup> Street  
New York, New York 10017**

FOIS 1

## Table of Contents

I.	GENERAL INFORMATION	Page 3
II.	INDICATIONS FOR USE	Page 3
III.	DOSAGE FORM, ROUTE OF ADMINISTRATION AND RECOMMENDED DOSAGE	Page 3
IV.	EFFECTIVENESS	Page 3
	A. Dosage Characterization	Page 4
	B. Dose Confirmation	Page 4
V.	ANIMAL SAFETY	Page 8
VI.	HUMAN SAFETY	Page 8
VII.	AGENCY CONCLUSIONS	Page 9
VIII.	LABELING	Page 9

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION SUMMARY**

**I. GENERAL INFORMATION**

NADA Number: 141-053

Sponsor: Pfizer Inc  
235 East 42<sup>nd</sup> St.  
New York, NY 10017

Generic Name: carprofen

Trade Name: Rimadyl® Caplets

Marketing Status: Rx

Effect of Supplement: This supplement provides for flexibility in administration of the total daily dose of Rimadyl® caplets. The drug may be administered orally at 2 milligrams per pound of body weight once daily or 1 milligram per pound of body weight twice daily.

**II. INDICATIONS FOR USE**

Rimadyl® is indicated for the relief of pain and inflammation associated with osteoarthritis in dogs.

**III. DOSAGE FORM, ROUTES OF ADMINISTRATION AND RECOMMENDED DOSAGE**

- A. Dosage Form: Rimadyl® is available as 25, 75, and 100 mg scored caplets.
- B. Route of Administration: Oral
- C. Recommended Dosage: The recommended dosage for oral administration to dogs is 2 mg/lb daily. The total daily dose may be administered as 2 mg/lb of body weight once daily or divided and administered as 1 mg/lb twice daily.

**IV. EFFECTIVENESS**

Clinical effectiveness of the recommended dosage of 1 mg/lb body weight twice daily is contained in the original Freedom of Information Summary for NADA 141-053.

A study was conducted in dogs to demonstrate the effectiveness of carprofen administered as a single daily dose of 2 mg/lb of body weight for the relief of pain and inflammation associated with osteoarthritis in dogs. The study was conducted in veterinary practices in thirteen locations. The safety of carprofen in the field was also assessed. Results of this

---

study demonstrated that carprofen is safe and effective when administered at 2 mg/lb body weight once daily.

#### A. Dosage Characterization

##### **Clinical Study 2167A-1Z-96-0110:**

A masked, positive controlled, multicenter clinical field study was conducted to evaluate the effectiveness of carprofen administered orally once daily at a dose of 4 mg/kg (approximately 2 mg/lb) for relief of clinical signs associated with osteoarthritis.

Forty three client-owned dogs presenting with osteoarthritis were treated with Rimadyl® 20 and 50 mg European tablets. Inclusion of dogs in the study was based on physical examination, including a scoring of the severity of the clinical signs and radiographic signs of osteoarthritis. Clinical assessment of the severity of the dog's osteoarthritis was performed by the veterinarian prior to treatment and following five days of therapy. The clinical assessment score was based on a scale of 0 to 4, with 0 defined as clinically normal and 4 defined as nearly incapacitated. Parameters evaluated included gait, overall mobility, and pain on palpation of the affected limb. A case was considered a clinical success when the clinical score had improved between the pre-treatment and post-treatment evaluation.

The percentage of dogs with osteoarthritis that improved after five days of treatment with Rimadyl® was 93 % (40/43). Two dogs treated with Rimadyl® experienced mild episodes of vomiting. Increased thirst was reported in one dog treated with Rimadyl®. Three dogs treated with the positive control experienced vomiting. There were no other reports of suspected adverse drug reactions.

The results of this study indicate that carprofen administered at a dose of 4 mg/kg (approximately 2 mg/lb) is effective for relief of pain and inflammation associated with osteoarthritis in dogs.

##### **Dosage Selection Rationale:**

Clinical field study 2167A-12-96-010 conducted using the current European approved total daily dose for Rimadyl® of 4 mg/kg (approximately 2 mg/lb) provides evidence of effectiveness for the relief of pain associated with osteoarthritis with once daily dosing. With this clinical field trial support for effectiveness against osteoarthritis following administration of a single daily dose, a dose of 2 mg/lb was selected for confirmation in a US multicenter field study.

#### B. Dose Confirmation

##### **Rimadyl® (carprofen) clinical field trial at small animal clinics (Study No. 1960C-60-98-271)**

- a. Type of Study: Multicentered Clinical Field study

b. Investigators:

Name	Cases
Dr. Mark Albin Pieper-Olson Veterinary Hospital Middletown, CT	12
Dr. Douglas Andrews Falmouth Veterinary Hospital Falmouth, ME	21
Dr. Joshua Atz Manchester Veterinary Clinic Manchester, CT	6
Dr. Lynn Buzhardt The Animal Center, Inc Zachary, LA	35
Dr. Geoffrey Clark Dover Veterinary Hospital Dover, NH	6
Dr. Peter Davis Pine Tree Veterinary Hospital Augusta, ME	26
Dr. Sonnya Dennis Stratham Veterinary Hospital Newfields, NH	25

Name	Cases
Dr. Donald Hamryka Sugar Hill Animal Hospital Sugar Hill, GA	12
Dr. Stephen Jones Lakeside Animal Hospital Monck's Corner, SC	21
Dr. David Lukof Harleysville Veterinary Hospital Harleysville, PA	35
Dr. John Means North Hampton Animal Hospital North Hampton, NH	24
Dr. Susan Thompson Pet Vet Animal Hospital Mount Pleasant, SC	23
Dr. Phillip Waguespack Siegen Lane Animal Clinic Baton Rouge, LA	22

c. General Design:

- i. Purpose: The objective of the study was to evaluate, under field conditions, the safety and effectiveness of Rimadyl® (carprofen) for the relief of pain and inflammation associated with canine osteoarthritis.
  - ii. Test Animals: Two hundred sixty eight client owned dogs from thirteen locations entered the study. A total of 132 dogs were treated with Rimadyl® and 136 dogs were treated with placebo. Dogs had clinical and radiographic evidence of osteoarthritis and satisfactory clinical pathology test results within 14 days prior to starting the study. With regard to age, sex, weight, breed and the severity of the osteoarthritic condition, dogs were well represented across both treatment groups. Dogs ranged from 8 months to 15 years and weighed from 8 to 163 pounds. Dogs were randomly assigned to either carprofen or placebo treatment groups. The data from 248 animals were suitable for inclusion in the complete effectiveness analysis. Twenty four dogs were excluded from part (n=2) or the entire (n=22) analysis due to incomplete observations or protocol deviations.
  - iii. Control Drug: Placebo (same as carprofen caplet formulation except for the omission of the active ingredient).
-

- iv. Dosage Form: The caplets administered were the market formulation.
- v. Route of Administration: Oral
- vi. Dosages used: 2 mg/lb of carprofen given orally once daily.
- vii. Test Duration: 14 days
- viii. Parameters measured: Clinical assessment of the severity of the dog's osteoarthritis was performed by the owner and veterinarian prior to treatment (Day 0) and on Day 13 of the study. The owner made a single assessment of the severity of the dog's condition before and after treatment. The veterinarian performed a composite assessment as well as individual assessments of lameness/weight-bearing, joint mobility, willingness to raise contralateral limb, and pain. The clinical assessment score was based on a scale of 0 to 4, with 0 defined as clinically normal and 4 defined as nearly incapacitated.

Hematology, clinical chemistry, urine, and fecal occult blood analyses were performed prior to treatment, and following treatment.

Effectiveness was evaluated based on two independent assessments of response: (1) a veterinary evaluation of the overall response to therapy (based on physical evaluation, observation of the gait and mobility, general condition and clinical signs, and a graded lameness evaluation) and (2) an owner evaluation based on the assessment of response to therapy. Improvement in the assessment score was evaluated for a reduction in score of one grade or more and for improvement of two grades or more.

Safety was assessed by determination of baseline clinical pathology values prior to the start of the study and at the end (hematology, clinical chemistry, urinalysis, and fecal occult blood). The owner was contacted on day 5, 6, or 7 to discuss the dog's progress.

- d. Results: Results of the carprofen and placebo treatments, as evaluated by veterinarians and owners, are provided in Tables 1 & 2. Progress from Day 0 to Day 13 was assessed as positive or negative on a masked basis. Improvements were statistically significantly higher among carprofen treated dogs versus placebo for reductions of one grade or more for both owner and veterinarian composite assessments. Improvements in lameness/weight-bearing, joint mobility, pain on palpation of joints(s), and willingness to bear weight on the contralateral limb for dogs treated with carprofen were statistically significantly different from placebo for a reduction in score of one grade or more.

Improvements were also statistically significantly higher among carprofen treated dogs versus placebo for reductions of two grades or more based upon both veterinarian and owner composite assessments.

**Table 1.** Percent of positive improvement of one grade or more for individual & composite components of lameness evaluation

Assessment	Placebo (Number Improved/Total)	Carprofen (Number Improved/Total)	P-value <sup>a</sup>
Lameness/weight-bearing	37.3% (47/126)	56.5% (70/124)	0.002
Joint mobility	15.9% (20/126)	37.1% (46/124)	<0.001
Pain on palpation of joint(s)	35.7% (45/126)	59.7% (74/124)	<0.001
Willingness to bear weight on contralateral limb	28.8% (36/125)	42.7% (53/124)	0.014
Veterinarian Composite	41.3% (52/126)	57.3% (71/124)	0.008
Owner Composite	42.1% (53/126)	55.6% (69/124)	0.029

<sup>a</sup> statistically significant

**Table 2.** Percent of positive improvement of two grades or more for composite components of lameness evaluation

Assessment	Placebo (Number Improved/Total)	Carprofen (Number Improved/Total)	P-value <sup>a</sup>
Veterinarian Composite	4.0% (5/126)	12.1% (15/124)	0.011
Owner Composite	7.1% (9/126)	15.4% (19/124)	0.041

<sup>a</sup> statistically significant

Adverse Reactions: There were no clinically relevant differences in the mean values for all laboratory tests between the placebo and carprofen treated dogs. For both groups, the mean serum alkaline phosphatase (SAP) value was above the laboratory reference range pre-treatment and post-treatment. Three carprofen treated dogs developed a three fold or greater increase in alanine aminotransferase (ALT) and/or aspartate aminotransferase (AST) during the course of therapy. For two of these dogs, the increase in the ALT and AST was greater than four fold. None of these dogs showed clinical signs associated with the laboratory value changes. One dog, which experienced a transient decrease in appetite, had elevated ALT and serum alkaline phosphatase (SAP) values at the time of enrollment. During the study, the ALT increased and the SAP decreased. The dog completed the study. The carprofen treated dogs with ALT increases during the course of therapy had a mean rise of 4.1 fold between pre- and post-treatment levels. Placebo dogs

**Table 3.** Adverse reactions reported during the clinical field study

Category of Adverse Events	Placebo N=132 total		Rimadyl® N=129 total	
	Number of Dogs	Percentage	Number of Dogs	Percentage
Inappetance	2	1.5	2	1.6
Vomiting	5	3.8	4	3.1
Diarrhea/Soft stool	6	4.5	4	3.1
Behavior change	1	0.76	1	0.78
Dermatitis	1	0.76	1	0.78
Polyuria/Polydipsia	0	-	1	0.78
SAP increase	11	8.3	10	7.8
ALT increase	6	4.5	7	5.4
AST increase	1	0.76	3	2.3
BUN increase (Blood urea nitrogen)	2	1.5	4	3.1
Bilirubinuria	16	12.1	21	16.3
Ketonuria	12	9.1	19	14.7

Clinical pathology parameters listed represent reports of increases from pre-treatment values; the use of clinical judgment is necessary to determine clinical relevance.

e. **Statistical Analysis:** Incidence of positive responses obtained from the veterinarian and owner assessments were compared for total carprofen treated cases versus placebo cases using the Cochran-Mantel-Haenszel procedure (Fleiss, 1984, Statistical Methods for Rates and Proportions, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.) for combining evidence from multiple investigators or clinics. The analyses were performed using PROC FREQ in SAS 6.12 (Statistical Analysis System). Statistical difference was assessed at the 5% level of significance ( $P < 0.05$ ).

f. **Conclusions:** Carprofen, administered orally at a dose of 2 mg/lb once daily, is safe and effective for the relief of pain and inflammation associated with canine osteoarthritis.

## V. ANIMAL SAFETY

Studies demonstrating the safety of Rimadyl® Caplets for use in dogs are contained in the original FOI summary dated October 25, 1996. Animal safety data from the clinical study were evaluated and found to be acceptable. Refer to section IV.

## VI. HUMAN SAFETY

Human Safety Relative to Food Consumption:

Data on human food safety, pertaining to consumption of drug residues in food, were not required for approval of this supplement. Rimadyl® Caplets are approved for use in dogs only.

Human Safety Relative to Possession, Handling and Administration:

Labeling contains adequate caution/warning statements.



# RIMADYL®

(carprofen)

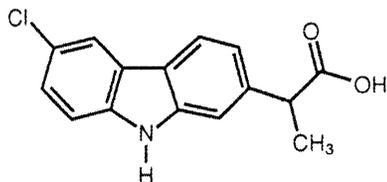
## Caplets

### Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug

For oral use in dogs only

CAUTION: Federal law restricts this drug to use by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian.

**DESCRIPTION:** Rimadyl (carprofen) is a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) of the proprionic acid class that includes ibuprofen, naproxen, and ketoprofen. Carprofen is the nonproprietary designation for a substituted carbarofe, 6-chloro- $\alpha$ -methyl-9H-carbazole-2-acetic acid. The empirical formula is  $C_{15}H_{12}ClNO_2$  and the molecular weight 273.72.



Carprofen is a white, crystalline compound. It is freely soluble in ethanol, but practically insoluble in water at 25°C.

**CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY:** Carprofen is a non-narcotic, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory agent with characteristic analgesic and antipyretic activity approximately equipotent to indomethacin in animal models.<sup>1</sup>

The mechanism of action of carprofen, like that of other NSAIDs, is believed to be associated with the inhibition of cyclooxygenase activity. Two unique cyclooxygenases have been described in mammals: the constitutive cyclooxygenase, COX-1, synthesizes prostaglandins necessary for normal gastrointestinal and renal function. The inducible cyclooxygenase, COX-2, generates prostaglandins involved in inflammation. Inhibition of COX-1 is thought to be associated with gastrointestinal and renal toxicity while inhibition of COX-2 provides anti-inflammatory activity. The specificity of a particular NSAID for COX-2 versus COX-1 may vary from species to species.<sup>3</sup> In an *in vitro* study using canine cell cultures, carprofen demonstrated selective inhibition of COX-2 versus COX-1.<sup>4</sup> Clinical relevance of these data has not been shown. Carprofen has also been shown to inhibit the release of several prostaglandins in two inflammatory cell systems: rat polymorphonuclear leukocytes (PMN) and human rheumatoid synovial cells, indicating inhibition of acute (PMN system) and chronic (synovial cell system) inflammatory reactions.<sup>1</sup>

Several studies have demonstrated that carprofen has modulatory effects on both humoral and cellular immune responses.<sup>5-9</sup> Data also indicate that carprofen inhibits the production of osteoclast-activating factor (OAF),  $PGE_1$ , and  $PGE_2$  by its inhibitory effects on prostaglandin biosynthesis.<sup>1</sup>

Based upon comparison with data obtained from intravenous administration, carprofen is rapidly and nearly completely absorbed (more than 90% bioavailable) when administered orally.<sup>10</sup> Peak blood plasma concentrations are achieved in 1-3 hours after oral administration of 1, 5, and 25 mg/kg to dogs. The mean terminal half-life of carprofen is approximately 8 hours (range 4.5-9.8 hours) after single oral doses varying from 1-35 mg/kg of body weight. After a 100 mg single intravenous bolus dose, the mean elimination half-life was approximately 11.7 hours in the dog Rimadyl is more than 99% bound to plasma protein and exhibits a very small volume of distribution.

Carprofen is eliminated in the dog primarily by biotransformation in the liver followed by rapid excretion of the resulting metabolites (the ester glucuronide of carprofen and the ether glucuronides of 2 phenolic metabolites, 7-hydroxy carprofen and 8-hydroxy carprofen) in the feces (70-80%) and urine (10-20%). Same enterohepatic circulation of the drug is observed.

**INDICATIONS:** Rimadyl is indicated for the relief of pain and inflammation associated with osteoarthritis in

concomitant use of Rimadyl with other anti-inflammatory drugs, such as corticosteroids and NSAIDs, should be avoided or very closely monitored. Sensitivity to drug-associated adverse reactions varies with the individual patient. For example, Rimadyl treatment was not associated with renal toxicity or gastrointestinal ulceration in well-controlled safety studies of up to ten times the dose in dogs.

Rimadyl is not recommended for use in dogs with bleeding disorders (e.g., Von Will&nd's disease), as safety has not been established in dogs with these disorders. The safe use of Rimadyl in pregnant dogs, dogs used for breeding purposes, or in lactating bitches has not been established. Studies to determine the activity of Rimadyl when administered concomitantly with other protein-bound or similarly metabolized drugs have not been conducted. Drug compatibility should be monitored closely in patients requiring additional therapy.

#### INFORMATION FOR DOG OWNERS:

Rimadyl, like other drugs of its class, is not free from adverse reactions. Owners should be advised of the potential for adverse reactions and be informed of the clinical signs associated with drug intolerance. Adverse reactions may include decreased appetite, vomiting, diarrhea, dark or tarry stools, increased water consumption, increased urination, pale gums due to anemia, yellowing of gums, skin or white of the eye due to jaundice, lethargy, incoordination, seizure, or behavioral changes. Serious adverse reactions associated with this drug class can occur without warning and in rare situations result in death (see Adverse Reactions). Owners should be advised to discontinue Rimadyl therapy and contact their veterinarian immediately if signs of intolerance are observed. The vast majority of patients with drug related adverse reactions have recovered when the signs are recognized, the drug is withdrawn, and veterinary care, if appropriate, is initiated. Owners should be advised of the importance of periodic follow up for all dogs during administration of any NSAID.

**WARNINGS:** Keep out of reach of children. Not for human use. Consult a physician in cases of accidental ingestion by humans. Far use in dogs only. Do not use in cats.

All dogs should undergo a thorough history and physical examination before initiation of NSAID therapy. Appropriate laboratory tests to establish hematological and serum biochemical baseline data prior to, and periodically during, administration of any NSAID should be considered. Owners should be advised to observe for signs of potential drug toxicity (see Information for Dog Owners and Adverse Reactions).

**ADVERSE REACTIONS:** During investigational studies with twice daily administration of 1 mg/lb, no clinically significant adverse reactions were reported. Some clinical signs were observed during field studies (n=297) which were similar for carprofen- and placebo-treated dogs. Incidences of the following were observed in both groups: vomiting (4%), diarrhea (4%), changes in appetite (3%), lethargy (1.4%), behavioral changes (1%), and constipation (0.3%). The product vehicle served as control.

There were no serious adverse events reported during clinical field studies with once daily oral administration of 2 mg/lb. The following categories of abnormal health observations were reported. The product vehicle served as control.

Percentage of Dogs with Abnormal Health Observations Reported in Clinical Field Study (2 mg/lb once daily)

Observation	Rimadyl (n=129)	Placebo (n=132)
Inappetence	1.6	1.5
Vomiting	3.1	3.8
Diarrhea/Soft stool	3.1	4.5
Behavior change	0.8	0.8
Dermatitis	0.8	0.8
PU/PD	0.8	—
SAP increase	7.8	8.3
ALT increase	5.4	4.5
AST increase	2.3	0.8
BUN increase	3.1	1.5
Bilirubinuria	16.3	12.1
Ketonuria	14.7	9.1

Clinical pathology parameters listed represent reports of increases from pretreatment values; the use of clinical judgement is necessary to determine clinical relevance.

#### Post-Approval Experience

Although not all adverse reactions are reported, the following adverse reactions are based on voluntary post-approval adverse drug experience reporting. The categories of adverse reactions are listed in decreasing order of frequency by body system.

**DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION:** The recommended dosage for oral administration to dogs is 2 mg/lb of body weight daily. The total daily dose may be administered as 2 mg/lb of body weight once daily or divided and administered as 1 mg/lb twice daily. Caplets are scored and dosage should be calculated in half-caplet increments.

**EFFECTIVENESS:** Separate placebo-controlled, masked, multicenter field studies confirmed the anti-inflammatory and analgesic effectiveness of Rimadyl in various breeds of dogs when dosed at 2 mg/lb of body weight once daily or when divided and administered at 1 mg/lb twice daily.

In these two field studies, dogs diagnosed with osteoarthritis showed significant improvement in lameness based on masked owner and veterinarian evaluations when administered at the labeled dosages.

**ANIMAL SAFETY STUDIES:** Laboratory studies and clinical field trials have demonstrated that Rimadyl is well tolerated in dogs after oral administration.

In target animal safety studies, Rimadyl was administered orally to healthy Beagle dogs at 1, 3, and 5 mg/lb twice daily (1, 3 and 5 times the recommended total daily dose) for 42 consecutive days with no significant adverse reactions. Serum albumin for a single female dog receiving 5 mg/lb twice daily decreased to 2.1 g/dL after 2 weeks of treatment, returned to the pre-treatment value (2.6 g/dL) after 4 weeks of treatment, and was 2.3 g/dL at the final 6-week evaluation. Over the 8-week treatment period, black or bloody stools were observed in 1 dog (1 incident) treated with 1 mg/lb twice daily and in 1 dog (2 incidents) treated with 3 mg/lb twice daily. Redness of the colonic mucosa was observed in 1 male that received 3 mg/lb twice daily.

Two of 8 dogs receiving 10 mg/lb orally twice daily (10 times the recommended total daily dose) for 14 days exhibited hypalbuminemia. The mean albumin level in the dogs receiving this dose was lower (2.38 g/dL) than each of 2 placebo control groups (2.88 and 2.93 g/dL, respectively). Three incidents of black or bloody stool were observed in 1 dog; five of 8 dogs exhibited reddened areas of duodenal mucosa on gross pathologic examination. Histologic examination of these areas revealed no evidence of ulceration, but did show minimal congestion of the lamina propria in 2 of the 5 dogs.

In separate safety studies lasting 13 and 52 weeks, respectively, dogs were administered orally up to 11.4 mg/lb/day (5.7 times the recommended total daily dose of 2 mg/lb) of carprofen. In both studies, the drug was well tolerated clinically by all of the animals. No gross or histologic changes were seen in any of the treated animals. In both studies, dogs receiving the highest doses had average increases in serum L-alanine aminotransferase (ALT) of approximately 20 IU.

In the 52-week study, minor dermatologic changes occurred in dogs in each of the treatment groups but not in the control dogs. The changes were described as slight redness or rash and were diagnosed as non-specific dermatitis. The possibility exists that these mild lesions were treatment related, but no dose relationship was observed.

Clinical field studies were conducted with 549 dogs of different breeds at the recommended doses for 14 days (297 dogs were included in a study evaluating 1 mg/lb twice daily and 252 dogs were included in a separate study evaluating 2 mg/lb once daily). In both studies the drug was clinically well tolerated and the incidence of clinical adverse reactions for Rimadyl-treated animals was no higher than placebo-treated animals (placebo contained inactive ingredients found in Rimadyl). For animals receiving 1 mg/lb twice daily, the mean post-treatment serum ALT values were 11 IU greater and 9 IU less than pre-treatment values for dogs receiving Rimadyl and placebo, respectively. Differences were not statistically significant. For animals receiving 2 mg/lb once daily, the mean post-treatment serum ALT values were 4.5 IU greater and 0.9 IU less than pre-treatment values for dogs receiving Rimadyl and placebo, respectively. In the latter study, 3 Rimadyl-treated dogs developed a 3-fold or greater increase in (ALT) and/or (AST) during the course of therapy. One placebo-treated dog had a greater than 1-fold increase in ALT. None of these animals showed clinical signs associated with the laboratory value changes. Changes in clinical laboratory values (hematology and clinical chemistry) were not considered clinically significant. The 1 mg/lb twice daily course of therapy was repeated at 2-week intervals in 244 dogs, same for as long as 5 years.

**CONTRAINDICATIONS:** Rimadyl should not be used in dogs exhibiting previous hypersensitivity to carprofen or other NSAIDs.

**PRECAUTIONS:** As a class, cyclooxygenase inhibitory NSAIDs may be associated with gastrointestinal and renal toxicity. Effects may result from decreased prostaglandin production and inhibition of the enzyme cyclooxygenase which is responsible for the formation of prostaglandins from arachidonic acid.<sup>11-14</sup> When NSAIDs inhibit prostaglandins that cause inflammation they may also inhibit those prostaglandins which maintain normal homeostatic function. These anti-prostaglandin effects may result in clinically significant disease in patients with underlying or pre-existing disease more often than in healthy patients.<sup>12,14</sup> NSAID therapy could unmask occult disease which has previously been undiagnosed due to the absence of apparent clinical signs. Patients with underlying renal disease for example, may experience exacerbation or decompensation of their renal disease while on NSAID therapy.<sup>11-14</sup>

Carprofen is an NSAID, and as with others in that class, adverse reactions may occur with its use. The most frequently reported effects have been gastrointestinal signs. Events involving suspected renal, hematologic, neurologic, dermatologic, and hepatic effects have also been reported. Patients at greatest risk for renal toxicity are those that are dehydrated, on concomitant diuretic therapy, or those with renal, cardiovascular, and/or hepatic dysfunction. Since many NSAIDs possess the potential to induce gastrointestinal ulceration,

gastrointestinal vomiting, diarrhea, constipation, inappetence, melena, hematemesis, gastrointestinal ulceration, gastrointestinal bleeding, pancreatitis.

Hepatic inappetence, vomiting, jaundice, acute hepatic toxicity, hepatic enzyme elevation, abnormal liver function tests, hyperbilirubinemia, bilirubinuria, hypoalbuminemia. Approximately one-fourth of hepatic reports were in Labrador Retrievers.

Neurologic ataxia, paresis, paralysis, seizures, vestibular signs, disorientation.

Urinary hematuria, polyuria, polydipsia, urinary incontinence, urinary tract infection, azotemia, acute renal failure, tubular abnormalities including acute tubular necrosis, renal tubular acidosis, glucosuria.

Behavioral sedation, lethargy, hyperactivity, restlessness, aggressiveness.

Hematologic: immune-mediated hemolytic anemia, immune-mediated thrombocytopenia, blood loss anemia, epistaxis.

Dermatologic: Pruritus, increased shedding, alopecia, pyotraumatic moist dermatitis (hot spots), necrotizing panniculitis/vasculitis, ventral ecchymosis.

Immunologic or hypersensitivity: Facial swelling, hives, erythema.

In rare situations, death has been associated with some of the adverse reactions listed above.

To report a suspected adverse reaction call 1-800-366-5288.

**STORAGE:** Store at controlled room temperature 15°-30°C (59°-86°F).

**HOW SUPPLIED:** Rimadyl caplets are scored, and contain 25 mg, 75 mg, or 100 mg of carprofen per caplet. Each caplet size is packaged in bottles containing 14, 60, or 180 caplets.

#### REFERENCES:

- 1 Baruth H, et al. In: Anti-Inflammatory and Anti-Rheumatic Drugs. Vol. II, Newer Anti-Inflammatory Drugs. Rainford KD, ed. CRC Press, Boca Raton, pp. 33-47, 1986.
- 2 Vane JR, Botting RM: Mechanism of action of anti-inflammatory drugs. *Scand J Rheumatol* 25:102, pp 9-21.
- 3 Grossman GJ, Wiseman J, Lucas FS, et al: Inhibition of constitutive and inducible cyclooxygenase activity in human platelets and mononuclear cells by NSAIDs and COX-2 inhibitors. *Inflammation Research* 44:253-257, 1995.
- 4 Ricketts AP, Lundy KM, Seibel SB: Evaluation of selective inhibition of canine cyclooxygenase 1 and 2 by carprofen and other nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs. *Am J Vet Res* 59:11, pp. 1441-1446, November 1998.
- 5 Ceuppens JL, et al. Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory agents inhibit the synthesis of IgM rheumatoid factor in vitro. *Lancet* 1:528, 1982.
- 6 Ceuppens JL, et al. Endogenous prostaglandin E<sub>2</sub> enhances polyclonal immunoglobulin production by ionically inhibiting T suppressor cell activity. *Cell Immunol* 70:41, 1982.
- 7 Schleimer RP, et al. The effects of prostaglandin synthesis inhibition on the immune response. *Immunopharmacology* 3:205, 1981.
- 8 Leung KH, et al. Modulation of the development of cell mediated immunity: possible roles of the products of cyclooxygenase and lipoxygenase pathways of arachidonic acid metabolism. *Int J Immunopharmacology* 4:195, 1982.
- 9 Vat BC. Immunoregulatory activity of cultured-induced suppressor macrophages. *Cell Immunol* 72:14, 1982.
- 10 Schmitt M, et al. Biopharmaceutical evaluation of carprofen following single intravenous, oral, and rectal doses in dogs. *Biopharm Drug Dispos* 11(7):585-94, 1990.
- 11 Kore AM. Toxicology of nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs. *Veterinary Clinics of North America, Small Animal Practice* 20, March 1990.
- 12 Binns SH. Pathogenesis and pathophysiology of ischemic injury in cases of acute renal failure. *Compend for Cont Ed* 16:1, January 1994.
- 13 Booth DM. Prostaglandins: Physiology and clinical implications. *Compend for Cont Ed* 6:11, November 1984.
- 14 Rubin S. Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, prostaglandins, and the kidney. *JAVMA* 188:9, May 1986.

For a copy of the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) or to report adverse reactions call Pfizer Animal Health at 1-800-366-5288.

NADA #141-053, Approved by FDA



Distributed by:

**Animal Health**

Exton, PA 19341, USA

Div. of Pfizer Inc

NY, NY 10017



75-8600-X2

August 2001

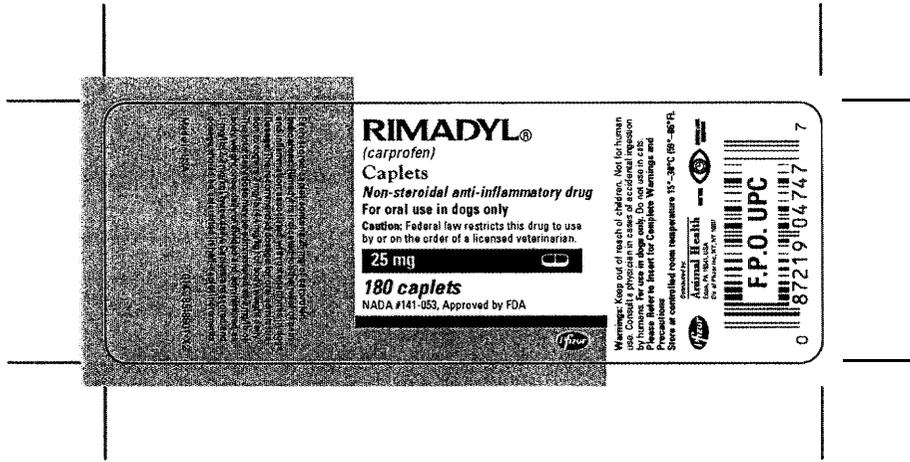
Printed in USA







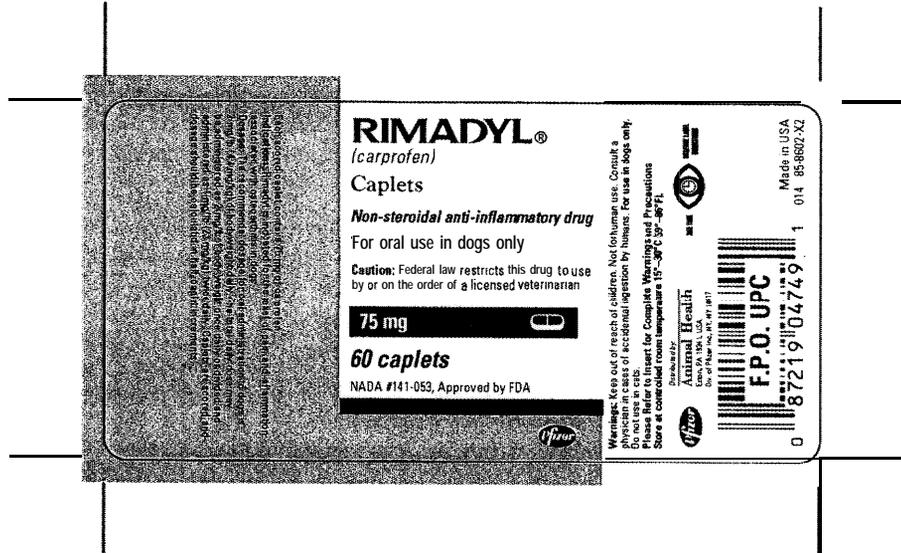
	Project Name	Part Number	Draft#	Date	Dimensions
<b>Pfizer</b> PACKAGE DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT Animal Health	<b>Rimadyl</b>	<b>85-8600-X2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>02AUG01</b>	<b>1 3/8" x 3 3/4"</b>
	Project Number	Country	Visual Code Bar(s)		
	1884	USA	Code(s) UPC		
Editor	Michele Brettmann	Colors:			
Coordinator	Paige Hofpar				
Artist	Ron VanValkenburg	PMS 116	PMS 330	PMS 286	Black
Proofreader	Diane Mattison				
					SKU: 8600000



 <b>PACKAGE DESIGN &amp; DEVELOPMENT</b> Animal Health	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Part Number</b>	<b>Draft#</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Dimensions</b>
	<b>Rimadyl</b>	<b>85-8601-X2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>02AUG01</b>	<b>1 3/8" x 3 3/4"</b>
	<b>Project Number</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Visual Code Bar(s)</b>		
	<b>1884</b>	<b>USA</b>			
<b>Editor</b>	<b>Michele Brettmann</b>	<b>Die (CAD)#</b>	<b>Code(s) UPC</b>		
<b>Coordinator</b>	<b>Paige Hofpar</b>	<b>Colors:</b>			
<b>Artist</b>	<b>Ron VanValkenburg</b>				
<b>Proofreader</b>	<b>Diane Mattison</b>	PMS 116	PMS 330	PMS 286	Black
					<b>SKU: 8601000</b>



	Project Name	Part Number	Draft#	Date	Dimensions
 <b>PACKAGE DESIGN &amp; DEVELOPMENT</b> Animal Health	<b>Rimadyl</b>	<b>85-8561-X2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>02AUG01</b>	<b>1 3/8" x 3 3/4"</b>
	Project Number	Country	Visual Code Bar(s)		
	<b>1884</b>	<b>USA</b>			
		Die (CAD)#	Code(s) <b>UPC</b>		
<b>Editor</b>	Michele Brettmann	<b>Colors:</b>			
<b>Coordinator</b>	Paige Hofpar				
<b>Artist</b>	Ron VanValkenburg	PMS 116	PMS 330	PMS Rhodamine Red	PMS 254
<b>Proofreader</b>	Diane Mattison				Black
					SKU: 8561000



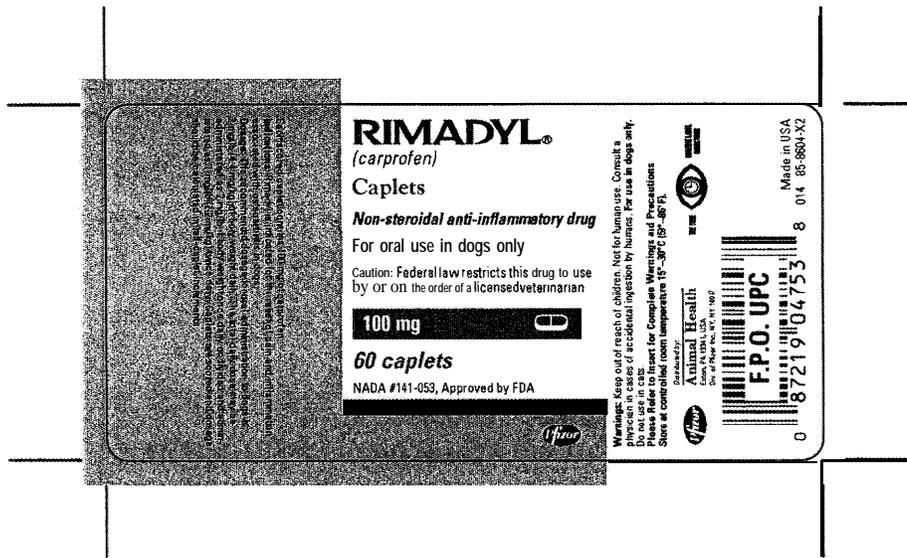
 <b>PACKAGE DESIGN &amp; DEVELOPMENT</b> Animal Health	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Part Number</b>	<b>Draft#</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Dimensions</b>
	<b>Rimadyl</b>	<b>85-8602-X2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>02AUG01</b>	<b>1 7/8" x 3 3/4"</b>
	<b>Project Number</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Visual Code Bar(s)</b>		
	<b>1884</b>	<b>USA</b>			
		<b>Die (CAD)#</b>	<b>Code(s) UPC</b>		
<b>Editor</b>	Michele Brettmann	<b>Colors:</b>			
<b>Coordinator</b>	Paige Hofpar				
<b>Artist</b>	Ron VanValkenburg	PMS 116	PMS 330	PMS Rhodamine Red	Black
<b>Proofreader</b>	Diane Mattison				
					<b>SKU: 8602000</b>



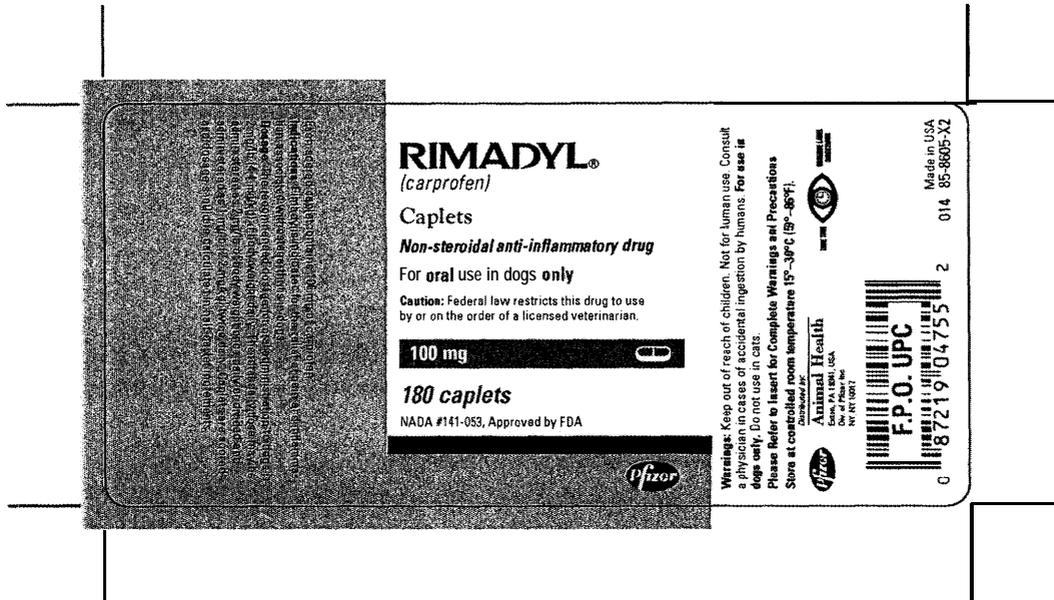
	Project Name	Part Number	Draft#	Date	Dimensions
<b>Pfizer</b> PACKAGE DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT Animal Health	<b>Rimadyl</b>	<b>85-8603-X2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>02AUG01</b>	<b>2 1/8" x 4 1/2"</b>
	Project Number	Country	Visual Code Bar(s)		
Editor	Michele Brettmann	USA	Code(s) UPC		
Coordinator	Paige Hofpar	Die (CAD)#	Colors:		
Artist	Ron VanValkenburg				
Proofreader	Diane Mattison		PMS 116	PMS 330	Black
					SKU: 8603000



	Project Name	Part Number	Draft#	Date	Dimensions
	<b>Rimadyl</b>	<b>85-8562-X2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>02AUG01</b>	<b>1 3/8" x 3 3/4"</b>
<b>PACKAGE DESIGN &amp; DEVELOPMENT</b>	Project Number	Country	Visual Code Bar(s)		
<b>Animal Health</b>	1884	USA	Code(s) UPC		
<b>Editor</b>	Michele Brettmann	<b>Colors:</b>			
<b>Coordinator</b>	Paige Hofpar				
<b>Artist</b>	Ron VanValkenburg	PMS 116	PMS 330	PMS 3275	PMS 254
<b>Proofreader</b>	Diane Mattison				Black
					SKU: 8562000



	Project Name	Part Number	Draft#	Date	Dimensions
 <b>PACKAGE DESIGN &amp; DEVELOPMENT</b> Animal Health	<b>Rimadyl</b>	<b>85-8604-X2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>02AUG01</b>	<b>1 7/8" x 3 3/4"</b>
	Project Number	Country	Visual Code Bar(s)		
	1884	USA			
	Editor	Die (CAD)#	Code(s) UPC		
	Michele Brettmann	Colors:			
	Coordinator	   			
	Artist	PMS 116	PMS 330	PMS 3275	Black
	Proofreader	Diane Mattison	SKU: 8604000		



	Project Name	Part Number	Draft#	Date	Dimensions
 <b>PACKAGE DESIGN &amp; DEVELOPMENT</b> Animal Health	<b>Rimadyl Cap fac</b>	<b>85-8605-X2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>02AUG01</b>	<b>2 1/8" x 4 1/2"</b>
	Project Number	Country	Visual Code Bar(s)		
	1884	USA			
		Die (CAD)#	Code(s) UPC		
<b>Editor</b>	Michele Brettmann	<b>Colors:</b>			
<b>Coordinator</b>	Paige Hofpar				
<b>Artist</b>	Ron VanValkenburg	PMS 116	PMS 330	PMS 3275	Black
<b>Proofreader</b>	Diane Mattison				SKU: 8605000