

# Summary of Product Characteristics

## 1 NAME OF THE VETERINARY MEDICINAL PRODUCT

Myolone 25 mg/ml solution for injection for dogs and cats

## 2 QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION

Each ml contains:

**Active substance:**

Nandrolone laurate 25 mg  
(equivalent to nandrolone 15 mg)

**Excipient(s):**

Benzyl alcohol (E1519) 104 mg

For the full list of excipients, see section 6.1.

## 3 PHARMACEUTICAL FORM

Solution for injection.

Clear yellowish oily solution.

## 4 CLINICAL PARTICULARS

### 4.1 Target Species

Dogs and cats.

### 4.2 Indications for use, specifying the target species

Indicated for use in dogs and cats as an adjunctive treatment for conditions in which anabolic therapy is considered to be beneficial.

### 4.3 Contraindications

Do not use in pregnant animals.

Do not use in animals with hypercalcaemia.

Do not use in animals with androgenic dependent tumours.

Do not use in breeding animals.

Do not use in cases of hypersensitivity to the active substance or to any of the excipients.

### 4.4 Special warnings for each target species

Anabolic therapy is to induce an improvement in clinical signs rather than a cure. The animal should therefore be carefully examined for potential pre-existing disease and the anabolic therapy should be combined with treatment of this underlying disease, if present.

### 4.5 Special precautions for use

#### Special precautions for use in animals

This product contains benzyl alcohol, which has been documented to cause adverse reactions in neonates. For this reason, use of the product is not recommended in very young animals.

Special care (particularly in geriatric patients) should be taken when administering the product to animals with compromised cardiac or renal function because of the potential of anabolic steroids to increase sodium and water retention.

The product should be administered with caution to animals with severe hepatic dysfunction. The liver function of treated animals should be monitored. Complications (e.g. oedema) may occur when administering the product to animals with pre-existing cardiac, renal or hepatic disease, in this case treatment must be stopped immediately.

Special care should be taken when administering the product to young (growing) animals, since androgens may accelerate epiphyseal closure.

Prolonged administration may cause signs of the androgenic activity to appear, especially in entire female animals. Steroids may improve glucose tolerance and decrease the need for insulin or other anti-diabetic drugs. Therefore diabetic animals should be monitored carefully and dose adjustment of anti-diabetic drugs might be necessary.

#### Special precautions to be taken by the person administering the veterinary medicinal product to animals

In the event of accidental self-injection, transient painful, local reactions may occur. Avoid accidental self-injection. In the case of accidental self-injection, seek medical advice and show the package leaflet or the label to the physician.

This product contains benzyl alcohol and can cause skin irritation. Avoid contact with skin. In the case of contact with skin, wash with soap and water. If irritation persists, seek medical advice. Wash hands after use.

The product can cause eye irritation. Avoid contact with eyes. If the product comes into contact with the eyes, rinse the eyes immediately with plenty of water and seek medical attention if irritation persists.

Virilisation of the foetus may occur if pregnant women are exposed to the product. Therefore, the veterinary medicinal product should not be administered by pregnant women or women trying to conceive.

This product may cause hypersensitivity reactions. People with known hypersensitivity to nandrolone, benzyl alcohol or peanut oil should avoid contact with the veterinary medicinal product.

If you develop symptoms following exposure such as a skin rash, you should seek medical advice and show the physician this warning. Swelling of the face, lips or eyes or difficulty with breathing are more serious symptoms and require urgent medical attention.

#### **4.6 Adverse reactions (frequency and seriousness)**

As with all oily solutions, injection site reactions may occur.

Possible adverse reactions of anabolic steroids in dogs and cats include retention of sodium, calcium, potassium, water, chloride and phosphate; hepatotoxicity; behavioural androgenic changes and reproductive disturbances (oligospermia, oestrus suppression). In cats a strong abnormal urine odour may occur.

#### **4.7 Use during pregnancy, lactation or lay**

##### Pregnancy:

Do not use during pregnancy.

##### Lactation:

The safety of the veterinary medicinal product has not been established during lactation. Use only according to the benefit/risk assessment by the responsible veterinarian.

#### **4.8 Interaction with other medicinal products and other forms of interactions**

Anabolic steroids may potentiate the effects of anticoagulants.

The concurrent administration of anabolic steroids with ACTH or corticosteroids may enhance oedema formation.

#### **4.9 Amounts to be administered and administration route**

For subcutaneous or intramuscular injection.

Dog and cat, 2-5 mg nandrolone laurate per kg bodyweight, corresponding to 0.08-0.2 ml product per kg bodyweight.

For sustained anabolic therapy, treatment should be repeated every 3-4 weeks.

As with all hormone therapy, there can be considerable variation in response to treatment. The dose should be adjusted according to clinical response.

Use a dry sterile needle and syringe to avoid the introduction of contamination during use.

#### **4.10 Overdose (symptoms, emergency procedures, antidotes), if necessary**

Unduly prolonged dosage, or overdosage, may cause signs of androgenic activity (virilisation) to appear, especially in entire female animals.

#### **4.11 Withdrawal period(s)**

Not applicable.

**5 PHARMACOLOGICAL or IMMUNOLOGICAL PROPERTIES**

**Pharmacotherapeutic group:** Anabolic steroids, nandrolone

**ATCvet code:** QA14AB01.

**5.1 Pharmacodynamic properties**

Nandrolone is a testosterone derivative which has very marked anabolic and anti-catabolic action whilst in the recommended therapeutic dosage it has negligible androgenic or progestagenic activity. It may therefore be used in both males and females with equally safe and potent activity.

**5.2 Pharmacokinetic particulars**

Excretion and metabolic studies were carried out with nandrolone in rats. 3H nandrolone and/or its metabolites were not retained or stored in the body of rats. The biological half-life of the radioactivity was 1-2 days. A pharmacokinetic study was performed in dogs. The nandrolone levels rose slowly after injection, reaching peak levels after an average of 5 days. Thereafter levels decreased steadily with an elimination half-life of approximately 12 days. Twenty-one days after the injections, measurable levels of nandrolone were still present. There were no differences in pharmacokinetics between male and female animals. It should be noted that the dose of the product administered (1 mg/kg) was less than the range recommended in the SPC: 2-5 mg/kg. The plasma levels after treatment would thus have a somewhat higher peak and slightly longer duration of action.

**6 PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS****6.1 List of excipients**

Benzyl alcohol (E1519)

Arachis oil, refined

**6.2 Major incompatibilities**

In the absence of compatibility studies, this veterinary medicinal product must not be mixed with other veterinary medicinal products.

**6.3 Shelf-life**

Shelf-life of the veterinary medicinal product as packaged for sale: 30 months

Shelf-life after first opening of the immediate packaging: 70 days

**6.4 Special precautions for storage**

Keep the vial in the outer carton in order to protect from light. At low temperatures the product may become viscous and turbid. Warming the vial in the hand will return the contents to the normal state.

**6.5 Nature and composition of immediate packaging**

Cardboard box with 1 clear type I glass vial containing 5 ml with a coated bromobutyl rubber stopper and aluminium cap.  
Cardboard box with 1 clear type II glass vial containing 10 ml or 20 ml with a coated bromobutyl rubber stopper and aluminium cap.

Pack sizes:

Box with 1 vial of 5 ml

Box with 1 vial of 10 ml

Box with 1 vial of 20 ml

Multi-pack with 6 vials of 5 ml

Multi-pack with 6 vials of 10 ml

Multi-pack with 6 vials of 20 ml

Multi-pack with 10 vials of 5 ml  
Multi-pack with 10 vials of 10 ml  
Multi-pack with 10 vials of 20 ml  
Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

**6.6 Special precautions for the disposal of unused veterinary medicinal products or waste materials derived from the use of such products**

Any unused veterinary medicinal product or waste materials derived from such veterinary medicinal products should be disposed of in accordance with local requirements.

**7 MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER**

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Wilgenweg 7  
3421 TV Oudewater  
Netherlands

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