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Mon, 2009-07-20 09:50 — Robin Olson

Later that same morning, about 5:06AM:

I realize I never bothered to look at the insert in the box the pain meds came in. I only had to medicate Bob for four days, so why get involved with reading miniscule type with my old people eyeballs?

Really, how bad could it be?

Then I went online and saw THIS. [1]

WHAT

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^ # \$! ? !

Apparently Metacam is NOT approved for use in

CATS

Last I checked, BOB IS A

CAT!

And WHY didn't anyone bother to tell me it has known side effects of

ACUTE (horrible terms since it's far from CUTE) RENAL FAILURE!

This is for a CAT who is at least 15. It would be one thing if Bob was young, maybe he would have better odds of surviving this stuff, but GEEZUS. Maybe we should have let him suffer for a few days with a sore tooth hole and not risk

KILLING HIM!!!!!!

Just makes sense to me and ever more so at about 5:37 am.

So let's be calm. It's just one web site with about 30 horror stories of cats on Metacam. I found another web site that said, hey, it's not THAT bad and since cats can't handle pain killers, this is about the best that can be done for them and the benefits outweigh the risks.

This is like the time I took VIOXX. Wow, did I feel good, but luckily I didn't take it for very long because it could have DIED from it. Oops! Guess the FDA missed that one. Oh and when I took "Yaz---that fun and funky birth control pill that's supposed to make your periods like a blissful day at the spa? Well, I was on it for four months. I didn't SLEEP. I got PMDD, instead of PMS and I was violent and suicidal, but hey, I'm just one dumb person. Probably was something else that did this to me though oddly enough, I slept like a rock and didn't try to off myself when I stopped taking it. Now there's a lawsuit claiming increased numbers of women having Heart Attacks, Strokes and Blood Clots from this crap. Huh. Guess it wasn't just me having problems.

This reminds me of the saying; "That which doesn't kill you, makes you stronger (or more pissed off or have not-cute renal failure)."

I'm thinking I have to call Dr. Larry and YELL at him, then ask him if I need to bring Bob to the ER. Bob's breathing seems heavy. I'm trying not to flip out. I wake Sam up, because why should I have to have all the fun, alone? I ask him if he remembers seeing Bob use the litter pan or drink water. He remembers one, but not the other, I remember the opposite. Good, so he must have done both? I get Bob to drink warm water mixed with tuna water so I know he's got some fluids on board. I lay down on the hardwood floor, while he sits in the "cat loaf" position on a comfy cat bed. Fat as I may be, I have not

nearly enough padding to be comfortable at this point, but I love Bob and I want to watch him. I'm waiting for a sign, telling me I need to get dressed, rush him to VREC in Norwalk and drop about \$1,000.00.

Nothing. No sign. My right shoulder and hip are complaining. I'm really tired. Fuck it. I go back to bed, knowing I have to get up in less than two hours because we're signed up to do a dog transport. Ugh.

Of course, I can't get to sleep. I think about the [nice lady's web site](#) ^[2]. She says Metacam is ok. She has complex math that makes my head spin. How many KG's is Bob? How many mL/KG dose did he get? I need my Parents. They did math!

My alarm goes off. What sleep? I get up to check on Bob. Somehow, while I was lying in bed worrying, one of the cats blew this hairball.



I really like how there's a little swooshy tail at the right tip of the hairball. That's classy.

I can't believe I'm going to confess this, but I got two forceps out and "teased" apart the hairball, to see if I could get any idea of what color the fur was. Sure enough, it was Bob's.

He puked up his food because this Mother of a hairball was ready to blast out. Bob's breathing has always been a bit heavy, but he's had ultrasounds done. He should be fine. All that pissing and moaning for nothing?

Maybe yes, maybe no. I'm still going to have a TALK with Dr. Larry about this.

and no, Bob did not get any more Metacam. Nor will he. He ate well, had a nice long nap on the deck. I have yet to see him drink or use the pan, but I will be watching. I WILL BE WATCHING!

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Bob seems pooped, but also YEOWLED this morning around 9am. I think it's because I was too tired to get up and hadn't fed him yet and he didn't know where anyone was??? At least that's the excuse I gave him. Tomorrow Dr Larry is back and I'll have a chat with him about all of this.

xoxo

Thu, 2009-08-20 18:03 — [Lynette \(not verified\)](#) ^[16]

(((Robin))) [17]

I'm so sorry you had such a scare!

One thing to keep in mind - LOTS and LOTS and LOTS of medications used routinely in cats, are not FDA-approved for cats. Why? Because no one bothers to pay for the studies, etc, to get it approved.

Does metacam have risks - absolutely. Show me a medication that doesn't. (I can't think of one, I believe that's why prescriptions are required, right?) It's all about weighing risks versus benefits. For me, I do not want my cats in pain. I have a cat on Metacam now for chronic pain - and I just finished a course of Metacam for another post-dental/extraction... and I've had three others on Metacam in the past.

Thanks for saying I'm nice. I try. I don't always succeed, but I try.

Love the hairball. :-)

Thu, 2009-08-20 22:22 — [Robin Olson](#) [14]

Oh! Thanks! [18]

Hey, even my VET said, do not use Metacam LONG TERM so be careful! Thank you for sharing your Metacam story! I'm sure we all appreciate the chance to learn more about a medication that isn't intended for cats-but is ok to use in them...and yes there are really no pain killers for cats and that's a bit problem for the poor things!

Hairballs rock! LOL
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