Sulfasalazine

(Salazopyrin*, Sulphasalazine*) POM

- **Client Information Leaflet: Sulfasalazine**
- **Formulations**

Oral: 500 mg tablets; 250 mg/5 ml oral suspension.

- **Action**

Sulfasalazine is a prodrug: a diazo bond binding sulfapyridine to 5-ASA is cleaved by colonic bacteria to release free 5-ASA, which acts locally in the colon as an anti-inflammatory.

- **Use**
    - Used in the management of colitis, although evidence of efficacy is lacking. There is a significant risk of keratoconjunctivitis sicca (KCS) and periodic Schirmer tear tests should be performed.
- **DOSES**
    - **Dogs: All uses:** 15–30 mg/kg p.o. q8–12h, maximum 6 g/day.
    - **Cats: All uses:** 10–20 mg/kg p.o. q8–12h.