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AMPICILLIN - *Full Version*

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

A broad-spectrum antibiotic commonly used to treat many bacterial infections in dogs and cats (e.g. skin and soft tissue infections, respiratory and urinary tract infections). **Ampicillin** is available only by prescription from a licensed veterinarian as capsules, tablets and as an oral suspension, or it may be used as an injection given at your veterinary clinic.

WHAT IS THIS DRUG?

- A semi-synthetic member of the penicillin class; an antibiotic
- Most often given by injection at veterinary hospitals but oral forms are used

REASONS FOR PRESCRIBING:

- Often used in: skin and soft tissue infections, respiratory infections and bladder infections in dogs and cats

ANIMAL PRECAUTIONS:

- This medication is labeled for use in cats and dogs (USA) but used off-label in cats and dogs (Canada). It should be administered only when and as prescribed by a licensed veterinarian
- **Use of this medication in any other species should be in consultation with a veterinarian**
- Use of this prescribed medication in animals with any of the following conditions should be limited to those who are under the supervision of a veterinarian:
 - Very small animals who may be dehydrated
 - Kidney or heart disorders
- Safety has not been established in:
 - Pregnant animals
- Animals with a known hypersensitivity or allergy to this or related products should not be given this medication

DIRECTIONS:

Read and follow the prescription label carefully.

Give the exact amount prescribed and only as often as directed.

Give this medication for as long as your veterinarian directs. Do not skip doses or stop giving the medication without consulting your veterinarian. Finish the entire course of treatment. Missed doses reduce the effectiveness of therapy.

Baseline blood work may be recommended to assess your pet's general health before starting this medication.

Discuss with your veterinarian if this medication is to be given with food. If your pet experiences digestive upset following medication administration, try offering with a small amount of food or a treat.

This medication will take effect quickly, in about 1 to 2 hours, but its effects may not be visibly noticeable for a few days.

Call ahead for refills.

Ideally, give this medication at the same time(s) daily.

WHAT IF DOSE IS MISSED?

If a dose is missed, give it as soon as you can. If it is time already for the next dose, skip the missed dose and go back to the normal schedule. Do not give two doses at the same time.

WHAT TO TELL/ASK YOUR VETERINARIAN BEFORE GIVING THIS MEDICATION?

Talk to your veterinarian about:

- When will your pet need to be rechecked
- What tests may need to be performed prior to and during treatment with this drug
- What are the safety concerns when using this product in different species
- Risks and benefits of using this drug

Tell your veterinarian about:

- If your pet has experienced side effects on other drugs/products
- If your pet has experienced digestive upset now or ever
- If your pet has experienced liver or kidney disease now or ever
- If your pet has experienced any other medical problems or allergies now or ever
- All medicines and supplements that you are giving your pet or plan to give your pet, including those you can get without a prescription. Your veterinarian may want to check that all of your pet's medicines can be given together.
- If your pet is pregnant or nursing or if you plan to breed your pet

STORAGE AND WARNINGS:

Store powder (before reconstitution for injection) and tablets at room temperature in a cool, dry place.

After reconstitution, refrigerated oral suspension is stable for 14 days; and stable for 7 days if kept at room temperature.

Keep this and all medication out of reach of children and pets. Call your physician immediately if you accidentally take this product.

People with allergies to penicillins or beta-lactam antibiotics should not handle this drug since allergic reactions could occur from contact.

POTENTIAL SIDE EFFECTS:

- Nausea, decreased appetite, vomiting and diarrhea may be experienced. Give the capsules, tablets or oral suspension with food to reduce effect.
- Allergic reactions are rare, but if your pet shows irregular breathing, rash, fever, hives, scratching, puffiness or facial swelling, or anything else unusual, stop therapy and contact your veterinarian immediately
- This short-acting medication should stop working within 24 hours, although effects may last longer in pets with liver or kidney disease

CAN THIS DRUG BE GIVEN WITH OTHER MEDICATIONS?

- Yes, but possible interactions may occur when giving **Ampicillin** in conjunction with: allopurinol, aminoglycosides (amikacin, gentamicin), atenolol, cephalosporins, chloramphenicol, dichlorphenamide, erythromycin, lanthanum, macrolides, methotrexate, mycophenolate, tetracyclines, pantoprazole, probenecid, sulfonamides and warfarin
- Drugs other than those listed may also interact with **Ampicillin**
- Do not give new food or medications without first talking to your veterinarian
- If your pet experiences any unusual reactions when taking multiple medications, contact your veterinarian

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I KNOW OF OR SUSPECT THERE HAS BEEN AN OVERDOSE?

Contact your veterinarian immediately if your pet receives more than the prescribed amount.

WHAT ELSE SHOULD I KNOW?

This is just a summary of information about **Ampicillin**. If you have any questions or concerns about **Ampicillin** or the condition for which it was prescribed, contact your veterinarian, at the prescribed dose, as directed by your veterinarian.

As with all prescribed medicines, **Ampicillin** should only be given to the dog/cat for which it was prescribed. It should be given only for the condition for which it was prescribed.

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