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## AZITHROMYCIN

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

A macrolide antibiotic used to treat many bacterial infections in dogs and cats (e.g. dermatological infections). Azithromycin is available in tablets, as an oral suspension or as an injection.

### WHAT IS THIS DRUG?

A relatively broad-spectrum macrolide antibiotic

Given by mouth

Given by injection at your veterinary hospital

### REASONS FOR PRESCRIBING:

Useful to treat a variety of bacterial, rickettsial and parasitic infections in dogs and cats

### WHAT DOGS/CATS SHOULD NOT BE GIVEN THIS MEDICATION?

Pets known to have had an allergic reaction to macrolide antibiotics

Use with caution in pets with liver disease

This antibiotic is not effective for treating *Chlamydomphila felis* or *Mycoplasma haemofelis* infection in cats

Breeding, pregnant and nursing animals (safety is unknown)

### 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. Missed doses reduce the effectiveness of therapy. Finish the entire course of treatment.

Baseline blood work may be recommended to assess your pet's general health before starting this medication. Periodic blood work may be recommended to monitor this medication's effects on the body. Dose adjustments may be made based upon these results and an assessment of how your dog or cat is responding clinically.

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

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 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:

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

Pet owners allergic to macrolides and/or other antibiotics should avoid handling this drug.

Do not confuse Azithromycin with azathioprine.

#### POTENTIAL SIDE EFFECTS:

Vomiting, abdominal cramps and diarrhea. Contact veterinarian if pet experiences severe vomiting or diarrhea.

Liver damage (signs include yellowing of gums, skin and/or eyes)

It is important to stop therapy and contact your veterinarian immediately if you think your pet has a medical problem or side effect from this product's therapy

This moderate-acting medication should stop working in a few days, 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 Azithromycin in conjunction with amiodarone, antacids,azole antifungals (ketoconazole, itraconazole, voriconazole), cisapride, colchicine, cyclosporine, digoxin, dolasetron, doxorubicin, erythromycin, estriol, leflunomide, methotrexate, ondansetron, phenytoin, pimozone, procainamide, quinidine, quinolones, sotalol, tacrolimus, theophylline, vincristine and warfarin

Drugs other than those listed may also interact with Azithromycin

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?

Notify your veterinarian if your animal's condition does not improve or worsens despite this treatment.

As with all prescribed medicines, Azithromycin 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.

This is just a summary of information about Azithromycin. If you have any questions or concerns about Azithromycin or for the condition it was prescribed, contact your veterinarian.