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#### GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Minocycline is an oral tetracycline antibiotic used in dogs and cats to treat many bacterial infections. Minocycline is available as a tablet and capsule.

#### WHAT IS THIS DRUG?

A tetracycline antibiotic that kills bacteria

Given by mouth

#### REASONS FOR PRESCRIBING:

Used to treat a variety of bacterial infections in dogs and cats including many diseases carried by ticks

Can be used as a potential alternative to doxycycline

May be effective for treatment of some methicillin resistant strains of *Staphylococcus pseudintermedius* (MRSP)

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

Animals that may be pregnant or nursing

Animals with a known hypersensitivity or allergy to this or similar drugs should not be given this medication

#### DIRECTIONS:

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. Dose adjustments may be made based upon tests results, culture results, and an assessment of how your dog or cat is responding clinically.

This medication can cause ulcerations in the throat and esophagus, especially in cats. Ensure that a moist treat or a small amount of liquid is given following administration of the medication to ensure that the tablet or capsule reaches the stomach and is not stuck or in contact with the esophagus or throat for a prolonged period of time.

This medication can cause stomach upset and should be given with food.

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 A 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 your pet will need to be rechecked

What tests may need to be performed prior to and during treatment with this drug

What are the 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 medications can be given together.

If your pet is pregnant, nursing or if you plan to breed your pet

#### STORAGE AND WARNINGS:

Minocycline should be stored in a childproof container in a cool, dark, dry place at room temperature away from heat and direct sunlight.

Prolonged use of antibiotics can increase the potential for adverse effects.

Keep this and all medication out of reach of children and pets.

Call your physician immediately if you accidentally take this product.

#### POTENTIAL SIDE EFFECTS:

This medication can affect the gastrointestinal system causing inappetence, nausea, and vomiting

This medication can cause inflammation of the esophagus, esophageal ulcerations and esophageal strictures - if your animal has trouble swallowing or eating, contact your veterinarian immediately.

This medication is less likely to cause bone and teeth abnormalities compared to other tetracyclines

This medication may cause an increase skin sensitivity to sunlight which could increase the risk of sunburn on hairless areas

Prolonged use of any antibiotic may lead to the development of bacterial resistance and overgrowth of other organisms

If these symptoms persist or you notice anything else unusual, contact your veterinarian

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 Minocycline in conjunction with: oral antacids, bismuth subsalicylate, oral iron supplements, isotretinoin, kaolin, pectin, penicillins, rifampin, sucralfate and warfarin

Drugs other than those listed may also interact with Minocycline

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, Minocycline should only be given to the pet 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 Minocycline. If you have any questions or concerns about Minocycline or the condition for which it was prescribed, please contact your veterinarian.