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Trade Names:

CalciBind™, CitraVet®, NutriVed™ Potassium Citrate Granules for Cats and Dogs, Potassium Citrate Granules, V.E.T. Pharmaceuticals K-Cit-V™

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION:** Bladder stones are a common occurrence in dogs and cats. Several factors are involved in their development including diet, change in urine pH, and formation of crystals. Encouraging a less acidic urine or urine with a higher pH can help reduce or prevent the risk of certain bladder stones forming. Urinary tract infections are also commonly associated with bladder stones.

**WHAT IS THIS PRODUCT?**

Potassium Citrate is a supplement that promotes a less acidic urine or urine with a higher pH and reduces the risk of calcium oxalate bladder stone formation

This product is given by mouth and is commonly available as chewable tablets and/or granules

**REASONS FOR USING THIS PRODUCT:**

Commonly used to help prevent or reduce the risk of calcium oxalate bladder stones

**WHAT DOGS/CATS SHOULD NOT TAKE THIS PRODUCT?**

Should not be used in animals with a history of struvite crystals or bladder stones

Should not be used in animals with high blood levels of potassium such as with adrenal disease, kidney disease, or untreated diabetes mellitus

Should not be used in animals with severe heart or kidney disease

This supplement is not a replacement for appropriate antibiotic treatment when an active urinary tract infection is present

Safety in breeding, pregnant, or nursing animals has not been established

Animals with a known hypersensitivity or allergy to this supplement should not take this product

**DIRECTIONS:**

Potassium Citrate Supplements should be given according to your veterinarian's instructions. Read and follow the product label carefully.

It is ideal to give this supplement at the same time daily. This supplement should be given with food to avoid digestive upset. The formulation is commonly applied on top of the food. Ensure that your pet eats the full meal to receive the appropriate dose.

Animals prone to bladder stones and urinary tract infections are frequently monitored with urine examinations or urinalysis. If your pet is receiving this supplement, your veterinarian will want to monitor their urine.

This supplement can take several days to have full effects within the body, but side effects can occur immediately. Visible improvements are not always evident with supplements.

Supplements are not regulated by the FDA. As such, they have not been required to go through the same rigorous testing for efficacy that drugs undergo. Many products on the market are high quality and are made by reputable companies. Consult with your veterinarian to choose the right product for your pet.

**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 PRODUCT?**

Talk to your veterinarian about:

What are some of the risk factors for urinary tract infections in your pet

What are some of the risk factors for bladder stone formation in your pet

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

When your pet may need to be re-examined

What are the risks and benefits of using this supplement

Tell your veterinarian about:

If your pet has experienced side effects on other drugs/products

If your pet has experienced any other medical problems or allergies

If your pet has experienced digestive upset 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 in the near future

**STORAGE AND WARNINGS:**

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

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:**

These products are usually well tolerated and adverse reactions are uncommon at recommended doses

Could affect the gastrointestinal system causing inappetence, vomiting, or diarrhea

Notify your veterinarian immediately if your pet experiences any adverse reactions to this product

This supplement 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?**

Commonly used in combination with antibiotics when treating active urinary tract infections

Caution is advised when using with ACE inhibitors (benazepril and enalapril), antacids, aspirin, digoxin, fluoroquinolones (ciprofloxacin and enrofloxacin), heparin, NSAIDs and spironolactone

Drugs not listed may also interact with Potassium Citrate Supplements

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 recommended amount.

**WHAT ELSE SHOULD I KNOW?**

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

As with all supplements, it should only be given to the pet for which it was recommended.

This is just a summary of information about Potassium Citrate Supplements. If you have any questions or concerns about this product or for the condition it was recommended, please contact your veterinarian.