

Oxytocin (Pitocin[®], Syntocinon[®])

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Oxytocin is a hormone approved for use in multiple animal species to increase uterine contractions and/or milk letdown. It is also used for the treatment of egg binding in birds and reptiles. It should only be used under the direction of a veterinarian. Do NOT use in animals with dystocia (difficult birth) due to malposition of the fetus, small pelvis in the mother, large fetal size, or when a cesarean section is otherwise warranted; it may cause uterine rupture, fetal injury, or death of the fetus and mother.

Keep this and all other medications out of the reach of children and pets.

If you think your pet has been poisoned...

Contact your veterinarian or one of the Animal Poison Hotlines (listed below) if you think your pet may have accidentally received or been given an overdose of the medication.

**ASPCA National Animal Poison Control Center

1-888-4ANI-HELP (1-888-426-4435). \$65.00 per case, billed to caller's credit card.

Follow-up calls can be made for no additional charge by dialing 888-299-2973.

There is no charge when the call involves a product covered by the Animal Product Safety Service.

**Pet Poison Helpline - 24-hour service available throughout North America for pet owners and veterinary professionals who require assistance with treating a potentially poisoned pet.

1-800-213-6680 (\$35.00 per incident). Staffed 24-hours a day.