

# Calcitriol (Rocaltrol®)

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Calcitriol is a synthetic form of vitamin D that is used in the treatment of kidney disease to treat or prevent hypocalcemia (low blood levels of calcium). It may also be helpful in treating a skin condition called primary idiopathic seborrhea. Side effects are rare. Contact your veterinarian if your pet experiences loss of appetite, increased thirst and urination, muscle tremors, twitching, weakness, stiff gait, staggering, behavior changes or seizures while being treated with calcitriol. Monitoring of calcium levels in the blood is necessary when an animal is receiving calcitriol. Consult with your veterinarian regarding the testing schedule for your pet.

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 Animal Poison Control Center - 24-hour service available throughout North America.

[www.aspca.org/poison](http://www.aspca.org/poison)

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 (\$59.00 per incident). Staffed 24-hours a day.

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