Doxycycline (Vibramycin®)

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Doxycycline is a broad-spectrum antibiotic often prescribed for use in dogs, cats, and other pets. It is related to other tetracyclines, and is commonly used for the treatment of bacterial infections, leptospirosis, toxoplasmosis, mycoplasma, psittacosis, and many diseases carried by ticks including Lyme disease, ehrlichiosis, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, and salmon poisoning. Use all of the medication prescribed, or the infection is likely to recur or become worse. Do not give doxycycline during the first half of pregnancy since it can slow the growth, alter the skeleton, and yellow the teeth of unborn animals. Give only during the second half of pregnancy if benefits outweigh the risks. Contact your veterinarian if your pet experiences a skin rash, loss of appetite, vomiting, or diarrhea while being treated with doxycycline. Use caution when using the tablet form in cats; it could potentially damage the esophagus.

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.

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