

Ampicare 250mg Hard Capsules

Introduction



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Presentation

Red and grey capsules for oral administration. Each capsule contains 250mg Ampicillin as Ampicillin Trihydrate.

Uses

Ampicillin is a broad spectrum antibiotic active against many Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacteria.

Ampicare can be used for the treatment and prevention of infections in dogs caused by the following bacteria provided that they are sensitive to ampicillin: *Streptococcus* spp., *Pasteurella haemolytica*, *P. multocida*, *Staphylococcus aureus* and other pathogenic staphylococci (non β -lactamase producing).

When susceptible organisms are present treatment with Ampicare may be effective in the following conditions:

alimentary tract infections

respiratory infections

urinary tract infections

Dosage and administration

10-20mg/kg twice daily.

The higher dose levels are advised when treating infections due to Gram-negative bacteria and in cases involving young animals. Therapy should be repeated every 12 hours and continued for a maximum of 5 days.

In severe or acute conditions, the dose levels may be increased.

To be given by the oral route only.

The capsules should be administered on an empty stomach.

Contra-indications, warnings, etc

Keep out of the reach of children

For animal treatment only

As with all penicillins the product may cause hypersensitivity (allergy) following ingestion.

Not to be administered to animals known to be sensitive to penicillin

Not to be administered to small herbivores

Do not treat dogs of less than 10kg bodyweight.

As with all other penicillins, bacterial resistance to ampicillin may occur. Thus, antibiotic sensitivity testing should be considered if a clinical condition fails to respond to treatment within 3 to 5 days.

Operator warnings

Penicillins and cephalosporins may cause sensitisation following injection, inhalation, ingestion or skin contact. Sensitivity to penicillins may lead to cross sensitivity to cephalosporins and vice versa.

Allergic reactions to these substances may occasionally be serious.

Do not handle this product if you know that you are sensitized or if you have been advised not to work with such preparations.

Handle this preparation with great care to avoid exposure, taking all recommended precautions. If you develop symptoms following exposure such as a skin rash, you should seek medical advice and show the doctor this warning. Swelling of the face, lips or eyes, or difficulty with breathing are more serious symptoms and require *urgent* medical attention.

Wash hands after use.

Drug interactions

Ampicare is unlikely to interact significantly with any of the other drugs commonly administered to dogs. It is not recommended to administer bacteriocidal and bacteriostatic antibiotics concomitantly.

Use during pregnancy or lactation

No studies have been carried out on pregnant animals, but the evidence provided suggests that ampicillin does not present any particular hazard to the dam or foetus.

Disposal

Dispose of any unused product and empty containers in accordance with guidance from your local waste regulation authority.

Pharmaceutical precautions

Do not store above 25°C. Store in a dry place.

Legal category

POM-V

Packaging Quantities

500.

Further information

Nil.

Marketing Authorisation Holder (if different from distributor)

Cross Vetpharm Group Ltd, Ireland

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