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# TETRACYCLINE

**(NUMEROUS BRANDS BUT RECENTLY DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN. MAY BE OBTAINED THROUGH A COMPOUNDING PHARMACY)**

**STRENGTH:** 250 mg or 500 mg capsules, Oral suspension, any desired strength can be made through a compounding pharmacy.

**ROUTE OF ADMINISTRATION:** ORAL. Best given on an empty stomach. Calcium or similar minerals given concurrently will interfere with absorption into the body. (Do not use cheese as a treat to help administer this medication).

**ACTION OF MEDICATION:** One of the oldest antibiotics and has been useful for infections in tissues impenetrable to other antibiotics. Also has immuno-modulating properties separate from antibiotic properties.

**MOST COMMON SIDE EFFECTS REPORTED:** Permanently stains the teeth of growing animals. Can make skin more sensitive to sunlight. Nausea can be a side effect. This is mitigated by giving a small amount of food, though tetracycline absorbs best on an empty stomach.

**SEVERE SIDE EFFECTS REPORTED:** Can cause toxicity in the liver especially in kidney patients. Long term use can create bladder stones made of tetracycline. Can be toxic to the kidney.

**STORAGE:** Keep away from light and store at room temperature. If using a compounded product, follow the instructions provided by the pharmacy.

**IF YOU MISS A DOSE:** Do not double up on the next dose. Simply give the medication when it is remembered or pick up with the next dose, allowing at least the proper interval between doses according to the label instructions.

**OTHER INFORMATION:** Cats do not tolerate this medication well. This medication is not safe for use in pregnant animals.

For a more detailed presentation, visit:

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