



pet's choice **PHARMACY**

DRUG INFORMATION: **Baytril®** also known as Enrofloxacin

Why is this prescribed for your pet?

Baytril® is an antibiotic used to fight a wide variety of infections in animals.

How to use this medication:

- For maximum effectiveness, be sure to administer this medication exactly as your veterinarian prescribed it. Do not skip doses and do not stop giving the medication. If you have difficulty administering the medication, consult your veterinarian or pharmacist.
- This medication can interact with other drugs. Be sure to tell your veterinarian about any and all food and drugs you currently give your animal. Consult your veterinarian before giving your animal any new food or drugs.
- Iron, aluminum, dairy, and calcium products may inactivate this medication. Do not give any of these products 1 hour before or 2 hours after giving Baytril.
- Dogs and Cats: Dogs and cats typically receive this medication once or twice daily. Sometimes administration may be by injection under the skin.
- Horses: Horses may receive this medication once daily, but should be monitored closely for diarrhea and signs of colic.
- Birds: Birds may receive this medication once or twice daily as a specially compounded liquid.

Side Effects:

- The most common side effects of this medication are upset stomach, vomiting, and lack of appetite.
- Seizures and kidney damage have been seen in dehydrated animals.
- Dizziness and hallucinations have been known to occur. If your animal suffers from any psychotic or obsessive behavior this medication may worsen it.
- At high doses (in excess of 2.2 mg/lb per day) this medication can cause blindness or severe damage to a cat's eyes. An early indicator of this toxicity is dilated pupils. Contact your veterinarian immediately if you notice this.

Additional Information:

- This medication can cause growth plates to stop growing in younger animals. It should not be used in animals less than one year old unless the benefits of treatment outweigh the risk of damaging the growth plates.
- Always give the entire course of medication as directed by your veterinarian. If the treatment is not finished, the germ causing the infection may become stronger than the antibiotics, causing the

infection to worsen. Giving this medication irregularly is very likely to cause this issue.

- This medication should be used carefully in animals with a history of epilepsy.
- This medication may need to be used in lower doses in animals with decreased kidney and liver function because they are not able to efficiently eliminate the medication from their body.
- This medication is extremely bitter and may cause your animal to salivate or refuse treatment.
- If your animal currently has or has had any of the above conditions, speak with your veterinarian about the risks and benefits of using this medication.

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