Vetsulin® Information Sheet

Owner Information Sheet

What is Vetsulin®?
Vetsulin® is a sterile solution containing porcine insulin, and should be used only under the supervision of a veterinarian. It is for subcutaneous injection in the treatment of diabetes mellitus (DM) in cats and dogs. Vetsulin® is for use in animals only. Keep out of reach of children. This sheet provides a summary of information about Vetsulin® for your use.

Who should not receive Vetsulin®?
• Pets that have stopped eating or have greatly decreased appetite
• Pets known to have a systemic allergy to pork or pork products
• If Vetsulin® is prescribed
• Response varies from animal to animal but can be quite dramatic.

What to tell/ask your veterinarian before using Vetsulin®
• What are the possible side effects that may occur with Vetsulin® therapy?
• What do I do in case my pet receives more than the usual dose?
• Can Vetsulin® be used with other medications?
• What effect does Vetsulin® have on my pet's food consumption?
• What do I do in case my pet shows signs of hypoglycemia?
• How do I store Vetsulin®?
• What are the interaction with other drugs?
• Is Vetsulin® for reduction of hyperglycemia and hyperglycemia-associated ketoacidosis for DM? How does it work?
• What are the injection sites for Vetsulin®?
• How do I give Vetsulin®?
• What is the difference between Vetsulin® U-40 and Vetsulin® U-100?
• Vetsulin®: A medication (food) you have to use for your pet. You should read this information before you start the treatment
• How does Vetsulin® work?
• What is the possible effect that may occur with Vetsulin® therapy?
• What are the contraindications to using Vetsulin®?
• What are the possible side effects of using Vetsulin®?
• What is the difference between Vetsulin® and human insulin?
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