

RESTRICTED VETERINARY MEDICINE

Keep out of reach of children
FOR ANIMAL TREATMENT ONLY

METRICURE®

Each 19 gram syringe contains 500mg cephapirin (as benzathine).

Intra-uterine treatment for subacute and chronic endometritis in cows and repeat breeders.

12 TREATMENTS

12 Syringes

Read label before use.

HANDLING PRECAUTIONS May cause mild skin irritation and/or an allergic skin reaction. May cause organ damage from repeated oral exposure at high doses. Do not handle this product if you know you are sensitised, or if you have been advised not to work with such preparations. Use gloves when handling this product to avoid exposure, wash hands after use.

FIRST AID If on skin, carefully remove any contaminated clothing and wash with plenty of soap and water. If skin irritation or rash occurs, get medical advice.

DISPOSAL Dispose of empty containers safely in a suitable landfill.

See safety data sheet: www.intervet.co.nz

DESCRIPTION

Each syringe contains 500mg cephapirin (as benzathine), excipient to 19 grams.

MODE OF ACTION

Cephapirin, a first generation cephalosporin, is a broad-spectrum antibiotic with bactericidal action against Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacteria. Cephapirin is resistant to the action of penicillinase and is active in an anaerobic environment such as is encountered in an infected uterus. After a single treatment with Metricure, concentrations of cephapirin in endometrial tissue above the MIC of sensitive bacteria are maintained for at least 24 hours.

INDICATIONS

Metricure is indicated for the treatment of subacute and chronic endometritis in cows (at least 14 days after parturition) caused by bacteria sensitive to cephapirin. Important endometritis pathogens sensitive to cephapirin include Actinomyces (Corynebacterium) pyogenes, and anaerobic bacteria such as Fusobacterium necrophorum and black-pigmented Gram-negative anaerobes. Metricure can also be used to treat repeat breeder cases (more than three unsuccessful inseminations), if bacterial infections are suspected to be the cause of the fertility problem.

CONTRAINDICATIONS

Not to be administered to animals with known allergy to cephalosporins. Not to be administered intrauterinely together with other antibiotic preparations.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

The contents of one Metricure syringe should be introduced into the lumen of the uterus using the disposable catheter provided.

- Fix the syringe to the catheter.
- Take the cervix of the uterus into one gloved hand introduced into the rectum.
- Introduce the catheter through the cervix into the lumen of the uterus, by gentle oscillating movements of the cervix.
- Inject Metricure

One treatment with Metricure is usually sufficient for a complete cure. In animals that have been inseminated, Metricure may be used at one day after insemination. In cases of pyometra, pre-treatment with prostaglandins e.g. Estrumate (A2698) is recommended in order to induce luteolysis and remove debris from the uterine cavity.

WITHHOLDING TIMES

It is an offence for users of this product to cause residues exceeding the relevant MRL in the NZ (Maximum Residues Limits of Agricultural Compounds) Food Standards.

Meat: 4 days - Cattle producing meat or offal for human consumption must not be sold for slaughter either during treatment or within 4 days of the last treatment.

Milk: Nil

STORAGE

Store below 25°C.

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