

# VETROPOLYCIN<sup>®</sup>

bacitracin-neomycin-polymyxin  
veterinary ophthalmic ointment

**STERILE - ANTIBACTERIAL**

**NADA # 065-016.** Approved by FDA.

**DESCRIPTION:** Each gram contains Bacitracin Zinc 400 units, Neomycin Sulfate 5 mg (equivalent to 3.5 mg of Neomycin base), Polymyxin B Sulfate 10,000 units in a base of White Petrolatum and Mineral Oil.

**ACTIONS:** The three antibiotics present in Vetropolycin<sup>®</sup> (bacitracin-neomycin-polymyxin) veterinary ophthalmic ointment provide a broad spectrum of activity against the gram-positive and gram-negative bacteria commonly involved in superficial infections of the eyelid and conjunctiva.

Bacitracin is effective against gram-positive bacteria including hemolytic and non-hemolytic streptococci and staphylococci. Resistant strains rarely develop.

Neomycin is effective against both gram-positive and gram-negative bacteria including staphylococci, *Escherichia coli* and *Haemophilus influenzae* and many strains of *Proteus* and *Pseudomonas*.

Polymyxin B is bactericidal to gram-negative bacteria especially *Pseudomonas*. No resistant strains have been found to develop *in vivo*.

**INDICATIONS:** In the treatment of superficial bacterial infections of the eyelid and conjunctiva in dogs and cats when due to organisms susceptible to the antibiotics contained in the ointment.

Laboratory tests should be conducted including *in vitro* culturing and susceptibility tests on samples collected prior to treatment.

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**PRECAUTIONS:** Sensitivity to Vetropolycin<sup>®</sup> (bacitracin-neomycin-polymyxin) veterinary ophthalmic ointment is rare; however, if a reaction occurs, discontinue use of the preparation. As with any antibiotic preparation, prolonged use may result in the overgrowth of nonsusceptible organisms including fungi. Appropriate measures should be taken if this occurs. If infection does not respond to treatment in two or three days, the diagnosis and therapy should be re-evaluated.

Care should be taken not to contaminate the applicator tip of the tube during the application of the preparation. Do not allow the applicator tip to come in contact with any tissue.

**ADVERSE REACTIONS:** Itching, burning or inflammation may occur in animals sensitive to the product. Discontinue use in such cases.

For a copy of the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS), or to report adverse reactions, call Dechra Veterinary Products at (866) 933-2472.

**DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION:** Apply a thin film over the cornea three to four times daily in dogs and cats. The area should be properly cleansed prior to the use of the Vetropolycin<sup>®</sup> (bacitracin-neomycin-polymyxin) veterinary ophthalmic ointment. Foreign bodies, crusted exudates, and debris should be carefully removed.

**CAUTION:** Federal law restricts this drug to use by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian.

**WARNING: Do not use this product as a pre-surgical ocular lubricant. Adverse reactions of ocular irritation and corneal ulceration have been reported in association with such use. Serious hypersensitivity (anaphylactic) reactions have been reported in cats within 4 hours of application of antibiotic ophthalmic preparations. Some of these reactions have resulted in death.**

**HOW SUPPLIED:** 3.5 g (1/8 Oz) sterile tamper proof tubes.

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STORE AT 15°-25°C (59°-77°F).

**Manufactured for:**

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