

Tissue Salts
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**CARE & ADMINISTRATION OF TISSUE SALT MEDICINES
SUPPLIED BY THE AVMC**

Please read all instructions very carefully, before opening the medicines

Tissue Salt medicines are very **delicate**, therefore please **avoid touching** the medicine with your hand. **Do not return accidentally handled medicine to the bottle.** Dispense just the required dose from the bottle at each dosage time. Keep the container tightly sealed at all times, except when actually dispensing. Do not open two containers of medicine at once.

Store medicines **away from sunlight**, in a cool dark place and keep away from strong-smelling substances, especially camphor, embrocations, perfume etc. **Do not refrigerate or freeze.** If correctly stored, the medicines can survive for very long periods, so do not discard unused supplies; they could be useful to your animal (or for yourself) in the future. Those stored in glass bottles survive better.

Tablets may conveniently be dispensed into the bottle cap, prior to dosing. It is not necessary to give an exact number of tablets. If the patient allows, the tablets may then be tossed from the cap directly into the mouth (avoiding contamination of the cap with saliva etc) to avoid handling of the tablets altogether. If not, then they may be dissolved in a little boiled, cooled water in a syringe and this provides a means of liquid dosing. This can work very well for cats, for whom a drop or two of liquid can be placed onto the front of the nose/upper lip, which will then be licked in. The soft tablets can be crushed into a powder in folded paper. We can discuss your individual requirements.

Ensure that the dose is either swallowed or retained in the mouth for 30 seconds. Thereafter it may be ejected without diminishing the effect. When more than one medicine has been prescribed, please do not give them at the same time. If possible, allow a five-minute interval between different prescriptions. If possible, do not give doses within 15 minutes of food. For **farm species** and **horses** this is, of course, not possible, but try to avoid contact with 'compound' feeds for at least

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five minutes. Medicines can be given to **horses** in a very little bland food (e.g. grated organic carrot/apple or a very small piece of bread). Injection or water medication can be discussed if required. In the case of **cage birds** and other **small pets** tablets may be added to the drinking water, freshly prepared each day. Be careful to avoid blockage of the nozzle.

Avoid giving strong-smelling sweets or treats, e.g. peppermints, to animals while they are on medication.

Adhere carefully to the prescribed dosage régime and, if questions arise, please do not hesitate to ask us (01367 710324). If in doubt at any time, it does no harm to stop the prescription, pending further advice. Repeat prescriptions are only available by arrangement.

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