

# Treating Your Cat or Dog

## Using Marbofloxacin



### About this medication

- Your cat or dog's bacterial infection is being treated with marbofloxacin (also called Zeniquin®).
- Marbofloxacin is the recommended antibiotic for cats to minimize the risk of blindness, a species-specific side effect.



### Giving this medication to your cat or dog

- Give as prescribed and follow the instructions provided by your pet's veterinarian.
- Give with small amount of food to reduce side effects.
- Give at least 2 hours before or after medications containing calcium, antacids, iron, magnesium, or aluminum (such as sucralfate, Tums®, Pepto-Bismol®, or iron supplements). The contents of these medications decrease marbofloxacin absorption.
- If you miss a dose, give the next dose as scheduled.



### Side effects and drug interactions

- Side effects include upset stomach, lack of appetite, and nausea. Your cat or dog may vomit or have diarrhea.
- Joint damage may occur in young animals treated with marbofloxacin, especially if high doses are used.
- If you have any concerns, contact your pet's veterinarian.



### Storing this medication

Store tablets at room temperature in a cool, dry place away from heat or direct sunlight.



### Using antibiotics safely

Antibiotic resistance happens when germs develop the ability to defeat the drugs designed to kill them. This includes bacteria developing antibiotic resistance to prescribed medications. Using antibiotics safely minimizes the risk of bacteria developing resistance.

- Discard any unused or expired medication. You can find safe places to dispose of unneeded medication at [www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/opioids/permanent-drug-drop-boxes.htm](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/opioids/permanent-drug-drop-boxes.htm).
- Visit [www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/antimicrobial-stewardship/patient-resources.htm](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/antimicrobial-stewardship/patient-resources.htm) for more information on using antibiotics safely.

