

Treating Your Cat or Dog

Using Trimethoprim-Sulfa

(trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole or sulfadiazine)



About this medication

Your cat or dog's bacterial infection is being treated with trimethoprim-sulfa (also called Bactrim®).



Giving this medication to your cat or dog

- Give as prescribed and follow the instructions provided by your pet's veterinarian.
- Give with food to reduce side effects.
- 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.
- Unpredictable, individual side effects can occur in dogs treated with trimethoprim-sulfa. These can affect the skin (red or painful lesions), liver (decreased appetite, yellowing of the skin), bone marrow (lethargy or fever), or joints (difficulty walking). Dogs can also develop dry eye (new onset eye discharge) associated with trimethoprim-sulfa therapy.
- If you have 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.

- Do not save any unused medications.
- 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.
- Visit www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/antimicrobial-stewardship/patient-resources.htm for more information on using antibiotics safely.

