

# Doxycycline

## **What is doxycycline used to treat?**

Doxycycline is a generic drug for Vibramycin®. It is a broad-spectrum antibiotic that is used to treat a wide variety of infections including those carried by ticks such as tick-borne disease, heartworm disease, and periodontal (teeth and gum) disease and these are more common in cats than dogs.

## **What are the side effects of doxycycline on cats or dogs?**

The most common side effects include nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and appetite loss, and some of these signs may be reduced by giving the medication with food.

If you suspect any side effects, overdose, or an adverse reaction to doxycycline, call your vet office immediately or [A.S.P.C.A.'s Animal Poison Control Center](#) at 888.426.4435. A change in dose or medication may be warranted based on the determination of the veterinarian.

## **How do I know if I need doxycycline to treat my cat or dog?**

Cats are usually affected more than dogs. Some signs of infection that can be displayed in your pet include the following:

- Dogs: reduced appetite, depression, and a mild fever.
- Cats: high fever, swollen lymph nodes, nasal discharge, and possibly abscesses at the site of the tick bite.

## **Where can I get doxycycline to treat my cat or dog?**

Doxycycline can be obtained at a veterinary clinic or compounding pharmacy. You will need a valid prescription from your veterinarian if you plan to fill the medication at the pharmacy. Professional Arts Pharmacy has the medication in stock, and we offer local pickup in Ellicott City, Maryland. If you reside in other states, your medication can be shipped and delivered within 1-2 days from the day of ordering. If you have questions about ordering this medication, please give us a call at 443-200-1200 or visit our website at [www.WeMakeMeds.com](http://www.WeMakeMeds.com).

Disclaimer: Not intended to be a replacement for professional veterinarian advice, diagnosis, or treatment. Always seek the advice of your veterinarian with any questions you may have regarding the medical condition of your pet. If you believe your pet has a medical emergency, call, or visit your vet office or your local veterinary emergency hospital immediately.