

Vetsulin<sup>®</sup> (porcine insulin zinc suspension) *fits the lifestyle* you love sharing with your pet.

## Giving your pet the diabetic TLC it needs at home.

### Daily follow-up

Following up each day on your pet's health is an important part of controlling its diabetes. Activities include:

- Evaluating water consumption once or twice a day
- Evaluating daily urine production by recording the number of times the pet urinates
- Monitoring weight once a week
- Using urine test strips to detect glucose and ketone bodies
- Blood sampling by ear prick

### Consistency is key

During your pet's diabetes treatment, it's important to maintain consistency with:

- Exercise: type, amount, and schedule
- Feeding: type and schedule
- The schedule of insulin injections – DO NOT REUSE SYRINGES
- Rotation of injection sites
- Insulin storage in refrigerator – DO NOT FREEZE

### Hypoglycemia: what to watch for

The most important complication seen in animals is an excessively low blood glucose level. Signs of hypoglycemia include:

- Increased or decreased hunger
- Restlessness
- Trembling or shivering
- Unusual movements or behavior
- Loss of consciousness (coma)
- Unusual quietness or sleepiness

### What to do if you see signs of hypoglycemia.

- Provide food immediately.
- If your pet refuses to eat, administer a glucose source such as corn syrup immediately.
- If your pet won't swallow, rub the glucose on gums.
- As soon as signs of recovery are shown, have your pet eat a small amount of food.
- Advise your veterinarian about the situation immediately.

Have the time of the last meal: \_\_\_\_\_

and time of last injection: \_\_\_\_\_ handy.

### Feeding your diabetic pet

Your pet's diet will be: (brand) \_\_\_\_\_ (amount) \_\_\_\_\_.

Feeding times: \_\_\_\_\_ Treats: \_\_\_\_\_.

Please feed your pet \_\_\_\_\_ (time) before insulin injection OR \_\_\_\_\_ (time) after insulin injection.

If your pet hasn't eaten, give 50% of the required dose OR \_\_\_\_\_.

### Additional medications

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These are the medical concerns that need to be addressed in the near future:

Fecal examination  Deworming  Dental  Spay/neuter  Heartworm test  Vaccinations  Bloodwork

Other condition (specify): \_\_\_\_\_.

These conditions could have a direct impact on your pet's diabetic care. They should be addressed as soon as possible to allow for optimum diabetes control.

### Storage and administration of Vetsulin

1. Store the Vetsulin bottle upright in the refrigerator.
2. Remove the Vetsulin bottle from the refrigerator and gently roll the bottle between your hands to mix it and warm it. **Do not shake.**
3. Turn the bottle upside down and fill the insulin syringe with the correct amount of Vetsulin.
4. Remove any air bubbles by tapping the syringe with your finger while the needle is still in the Vetsulin. Press the plunger gently to release the bubbles.
5. Gently draw up a fold of skin, making a small hollow with your index finger.
6. Place the needle in this hollow and push the needle gently through the skin. Release the skin.
7. Depress the syringe plunger steadily.

### Clinic stamp

