

## How to Care for Your Diabetic Pet

### Daily Follow-up

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

### Preparing the Dose (for U-40 insulin syringe)

- After washing your hands, take the Vetsulin® bottle out of the refrigerator.
- Shake the bottle until the insulin is uniformly milky, allowing any foam to disperse—this will evenly mix the insulin to ensure the proper dose.
- Carefully remove the cap from the needle.
- Using a U-40 insulin syringe, pull the plunger back to draw air into the syringe about equal to the Vetsulin® dose.
- Turn the bottle and syringe upside down, making sure the tip of the needle is in the Vetsulin®.
- Withdraw the correct dose into the syringe.
- Before removing the needle from the bottle, check the syringe for any air bubbles.

- If bubbles are present, hold the syringe up and tap its side until the bubbles float to the top. Push them out with the plunger and withdraw the correct dose.
- Remove the needle from the bottle. Be careful that you don't inject yourself.

### Hypoglycemia: What to Watch Out For

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

- Weakness
- Depression
- Behavioral changes
- Muscle twitching
- Anxiety
- Seizures
- Coma

### If You See Hypoglycemia Signs (If Your Pet Is Conscious)

1. Rub about 1 tbsp of corn syrup on your pet's gums
2. When your pet is able to swallow, feed its usual meal
3. Contact your veterinarian ASAP

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

## Vetsulin® Dosage

\_\_\_\_\_ Give \_\_\_\_\_ IU, \_\_\_\_\_ times/day.

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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®

Store the Vetsulin® bottle upright in the refrigerator. Do not freeze. Use contents within 42 days of first vial puncture and maintain a temperature of 25°C (77°F) or cooler.

### Injection Instructions

- Injections should be given just under the skin, 1 to 2 inches from the middle of your pet's back.
- The location may vary from behind the shoulder blade to slightly in front of the hip bone, depending upon your veterinarian's preference and which suits you and your pet.
- Alternating between your pet's left and right side will help to ensure their greater long-term comfort.

### Clinic Stamp

