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gentamicin sulfate, veterinary ophthalmic ointment. Sterile. For use in dogs and cats. ANADA # 200-273. Approved by FDA.

DESCRIPTION: Gentamicin sulfate is a water soluble antibiotic of the aminoglycoside group active against a wide variety of pathogenic gram-negative and gram-positive bacteria. VETROGEN Ophthalmic Ointment is a sterile ointment, each gram containing gentamicin sulfate (equivalent to 3 mg gentamicin) in a base of mineral oil and white petrolatum.

CHEMISTRY: Gentamicin sulfate is an aminoglycoside antibiotic mixture derived from *Micromonospora purpurea* of the Actinomycetes group. It is a powder, white to buff in color, readily soluble in water, and heat stable.

ACTION: Gentamicin sulfate, a broad spectrum antibiotic, is a highly effective topical treatment in primary and secondary bacterial infections of the eye and surrounding tissues. Gentamicin is bactericidal *in vitro* against a wide variety of gram-positive and gram-negative bacteria. Concentrations of gentamicin sulfate required to inhibit growth of gram-positive and gram-negative clinical and laboratory strains of bacteria tested were less than those of neomycin in most instances.^{1,2} Gentamicin is active against most gram-negative bacteria including *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, indole positive and negative *Proteus* species, *Escherichia coli*, *Klebsiella* sp. and *Enterobacter* sp. Gentamicin is also active against strains of gram-positive bacteria including *Staphylococcus* species and *Streptococcus* species.

INDICATIONS: VETROGEN Ophthalmic Ointment is indicated for topical treatment of conjunctivitis caused by susceptible bacteria in dogs and cats.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION: Apply approximately 1/2 inch strip of VETROGEN Ophthalmic Ointment to the affected eye(s) 2 to 4 times a day.

PRECAUTIONS: Antibiotic susceptibility of infecting organisms should be determined prior to the use of these preparations. Prolonged use of topical antibiotics may give rise to overgrowth of nonsusceptible organisms such as fungi. Should this occur or if irritation or hypersensitivity to any component develops, discontinue use of the preparation and institute appropriate therapy. Ophthalmic ointments may retard corneal healing.

CAUTION: Federal law restricts this drug to use by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian.

HOW SUPPLIED: VETROGEN veterinary Ophthalmic Ointment is supplied in 3.5 g (1/8 oz) sterile tamper proof tubes. NDC 17033-044-38.

Store between 2°-30°C (36°-86°F).

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