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TRIMETHOPRIM SULFA **(Brand Names: Septra, Bactrim, Tribissen, Cotrim and others)**

STRENGTHS: 480 and 960mg Tablets
oral suspension

ROUTE OF ADMINISTRATION: ORAL
Can be given with or without food,
see label for instructions

ACTION OF MEDICATION: Sequential Blockade Antibiotic (combines two antibiotics, each interfering with bacterial folic acid production in a different step of the production sequence). This antibiotic is especially good at penetrating cells, body discharges etc.)

MOST COMMON SIDE EFFECTS REPORTED: Vomiting, diarrhea, appetite loss. If seen, these symptoms are not generally considered serious. Reduction of tear function can occur with this medication. Eyes develop a goopy yellow discharge and become uncomfortable. This should resolve with discontinuation of the medication but occasionally does not and on-going treatment is needed. Note, the oral suspension is famous for its bitter taste and can generate drooling and mouth foaming in response.

SERIOUS SIDE EFFECTS THAT HAVE BEEN REPORTED: Serious side effects are considered rare (<5% incidence) but can occur. They include: liver disease/failure, kidney inflammation, eye inflammation (uveitis), immune mediated arthritis, bone marrow suppression, red blood cell destruction. For more details, see the web link listed below.

STORAGE: Keep away from light and store at room temperature.

IF YOU MISS A DOSE: Do not double up on the next dose. If less than 6 hours have passed since the dose was due, administer as normal. If more than 6 hours have passed, pick up with the next dose.

OTHER INFORMATION: Drug interactions are reported with Cyclosporine, Diuretics (especially the thiazide class), tricyclic antidepressants, aspirin, and methotrexate. For details, see link below.

For a more detailed presentation, visit:

<https://www.marvistavet.com/trimethoprim-sulfa.pml>