## The SmartPak Pharmacy Dog & Cat Product Information Sheet

## **Baytril® Taste Tabs®**

Common Drug Name – Enrofloxacin

How Supplied by SmartPak – Baytril Taste Tabs are supplied in 68mg (50 count bottle), and 136mg (50 count bottle).

Category – Enrofloxacin is a synthetic chemotherapeutic agent from the quinolone class. It has antibacterial activity against a broad spectrum of Gram negative and Gram positive bacteria.

**Caution** - Federal law restricts this drug to use by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian. Federal law prohibits the extralabel use of this drug in food-producing animals.

Indications (Uses) –Baytril is for the management of diseases in dogs and cats associated with bacteria susceptible to Enrofloxacin.

## Dosage and Administration -

Dogs: Administer orally at a rate to provide 5 - 20mg/kg (2.27 - 9.07mg/lb) of body weight.

Cats: Administer orally at 5mg/kg (2.27 mg/lb) of body weight.

The dose for dogs and cats may be administered either as a single daily dose or divided into two equal daily doses administered at 12 hour intervals. The dose should be continued for at least 2-3 days beyond cessation of clinical signs, to a maximum of 30 days.

Contraindications – Enrofloxacin is contraindicated in dogs and cats known to be susceptible to quinolones. The use of Enrofloxacin is contraindicated in small and medium breeds of dogs during the rapid growth phase (between 2-8 months of age). The safe use of Enrofloxacin has not

been established in large and giant breeds during the rapid growth phase. Large breeds may be in this phase for up to one year of age and the giant breeds for up to 18 months.

Human Warnings – Not for human use. Keep out of reach of children. Avoid contact with eyes. In case of contact, immediately flush eyes with copious amounts of water for 15 minutes. In case of dermal contact, wash skin with soap and water. Consult a physician if irritation persists following ocular or dermal exposure. Individuals with a history of hypersensitivity to quinolones should avoid this product. In humans, there is a risk of user photosensitization within a few hours after excessive exposure to quinolones. If excessive accidental exposure occurs, avoid direct sunlight.

Warnings – In rare instances, use of this product in cats has been associated with Retinal Toxicity. Do not exceed 5mg/kg of body weight per day in cats. Safety in breeding or pregnant cats has not been established.

Adverse Reactions (Side Effects) – Two of the 270 dogs treated with Baytril at 5.0mg/kg per day in the clinical field studies exhibited side effects of vomiting. No drugrelated side effects were reported in 124 cats treated with Baytril at 5.0 mg/kg per day in clinical field studies.

**Drug Interactions** – Compounds that contain metal cations (e.g. aluminum, calcium, iron, magnesium) may reduce the absorption of some quinolone-class drugs from the intestinal tract. Concomitant therapy with other drugs that are metabolized in the liver may reduce the

clearance rates of the quinolone and the other drug.

Precautions – Quinolone-class drugs should be used with caution in animals with known or suspected Central Nervous System (CNS) disorders. In such animals, quinolones have, in rare instances, been associated with CNS stimulation which may lead to convulsive seizures. Quinolone-class drugs have been associated with cartilage erosions in weight-bearing joints and other forms of arthropathy in immature animals of various species. The use of fluroquinolones in cats has been reported to adversely affect the retina. Such products should be used with caution in cats.

**Storage Conditions**: Dispense tablets in tight containers only.

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