



# What you need to know about **Caninsulin® VetPen®**

## ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS.

**VetPen is an insulin pen just for diabetic pets that is designed to help make managing diabetes easier. Below are answers to questions you may have about VetPen.**

### ► **What makes VetPen unique?**

While insulin pens have been used in human diabetes management for some time, VetPen is the first such device designed exclusively for use with Caninsulin in diabetic dogs and cats. Previously, the only approved way to give insulin injections to pets was to use vials of insulin and insulin syringes with needles, which some pet owners found inconvenient and overwhelming.

### ► **Is VetPen difficult to use?**

VetPen is ergonomically designed for easy handling, dosing, and more rapid injection preparation. It's easy enough to use even for pet owners with poor eyesight, arthritis, and other conditions that may cause unsteady hands.

### ► **How do I measure insulin doses with VetPen?**

The user-friendly instrumentation of VetPen enables you to provide a precise dose of Caninsulin to your pet with each injection. VetPen eliminates the need to draw doses from a vial using an insulin syringe with a needle. After preparing VetPen, you simply turn the dial and it draws up the selected dose for you. You then insert the needle through your pet's skin and inject the insulin through the push of a button. This simple process enables greater accuracy and reduces the chance of dosing errors.



**Dial the prescribed dose of Caninsulin**



**To inject, insert the needle through the skin, push the release button, and hold for 5 seconds**

### ► **Can VetPen be used with other insulins?**

No. Other types of insulin should not be used with VetPen. VetPen has been designed specifically for use with Caninsulin, the world's most trusted veterinary insulin, proven safe and effective for over 20 years in millions of diabetic pets. VetPen is constructed solely for the 40 IU/mL concentration of Caninsulin.



▶ **Can I travel with VetPen?**

The construction of VetPen allows you to take it with you while away from home and makes it easy for you to inject your pet with Caninsulin nearly anywhere. The VetPen Starter Kit includes a handy travel pouch that holds the VetPen, needles, needle remover, and insulin, as well as the dose selector adaptor and release button extension.



▶ **Do I need to keep VetPen refrigerated when it contains an insulin cartridge?**

VetPen does not need to be refrigerated after a cartridge has been started. However, Caninsulin cartridges should be refrigerated and protected from light before opening. VetPen should always be stored or carried with the needle removed and the cap on. To clean the device, wipe with a damp cloth. Do not immerse in water.

▶ **Is VetPen reusable?**

VetPen contains a reusable insulin cartridge that allows you to provide multiple doses with minimal preparation time. However, it is still necessary to prime the device before the use of each new cartridge and mix the insulin prior to each injection. When all the insulin has been used, you simply remove the empty cartridge and insert a new one.

▶ **Does VetPen offer any benefits over traditional insulin vials and insulin syringes with needles?**

VetPen makes administering insulin to your pet simpler, more accurate and more convenient than using syringes and needles. VetPen also helps enhance insulin delivery safety by:

- Protecting the insulin cartridge from breakage thanks to its sturdy design
- Reducing likelihood of insulin spills
- Reducing air bubbles that may lead to inaccurate dosing
- Lowering the risk of accidental needle stick injuries

▶ **What types of needles are used with VetPen?**

VetPen uses 29G/ 12mm VetPen branded needles, which are small, thin, and specially lubricated. These are the only needles that should be used with VetPen. Always use a new needle for each injection.

For further information regarding Caninsulin, VetPen or managing your pet's diabetes, log onto [www.diabeticpets.co.uk](http://www.diabeticpets.co.uk) or contact your veterinary surgery