**Citrate Salts**  
*(Polycitra, Urocit-K, K-Cit-V, Cytra-K)*

**Common Drug Name**  
Citrate salts – potassium citrate, sodium citrate, and citric acid

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No generic products are available.

**Storage**  
Store at room temperature in a tight, light resistant, childproof container.

**Uses**  
Citrate salts are used to treat metabolic acidosis (pH of the blood is too acid). They are also used to bind calcium and make the urine pH more alkaline, helping to prevent the formation of calcium oxalate stones. Potassium citrate may also be used in the treatment of hypokalemia (low blood levels of potassium).

**Dose and Administration**  
Always follow the dosage instructions provided by your veterinarian. If you have difficulty giving the medication, contact your veterinarian.

If you miss a dose, give it as soon as you remember. If it is almost time for the next dose, skip the one you missed and go back to the regular schedule. Do not give 2 doses at once.

This medication should only be given to the pet for whom it was prescribed.

**Possible Side Effects**  
Side effects are rare if used at the appropriate dose. Vomiting may rarely occur. Consult your veterinarian if you notice any possible side effects.

If your pet experiences an allergic reaction to the medication, signs may include facial swelling, hives, scratching, sudden onset of diarrhea, vomiting, shock, seizures, pale gums, cold limbs, or coma. If you observe any of these signs, contact your veterinarian immediately.

**Precautions**  
Not for use in animals hypersensitive (allergic) to any of the ingredients.

Not for use in animals with aluminum toxicity, heart failure, severe kidney disease, or urinary tract infections with struvite stones in the urine.

Do not use potassium citrate in animals with hyperkalemia (high levels of potassium in the blood).

Use potassium citrate with caution in animals with adrenal insufficiency (Addison’s disease), kidney disease, dehydration, uncontrolled diabetes, stomach ulcers, or diarrhea.

Do not use the tablet form in animals with diseases that slow the movement of food through the digestive tract.

Consult with your veterinarian regarding the physical examinations and laboratory testing necessary prior to and during treatment with citrate salts.

**Drug, Food, and Test Interactions**  
Consult your veterinarian before using citrate salts with vitamins and supplements, methenamine, quinidine, ephedrine, salicylates (aspirin), tetracycline, ciprofloxacin, enrofloxacin, or certain antacids, since interactions may occur.

Consult your veterinarian before using potassium citrate with nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) such as etodolac (EtoGesic), deracoxib (Deramaxx), or carprofen (Rimadyl); captopril; enalapril; cyclosporine; digitalis; spironolactone; potassium-containing drugs; or heparin; since interactions may occur.

**Signs of Toxicity/Overdose**  
May see vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, fluid retention, muscle weakness, abnormal heart rates and rhythms, lethargy, depression, staggering, and seizures.

If you know or suspect your pet has had an overdose, or if you observe any of these signs in your pet, contact your veterinarian immediately.

*Keep this and all other medications out of the reach of children and pets.*