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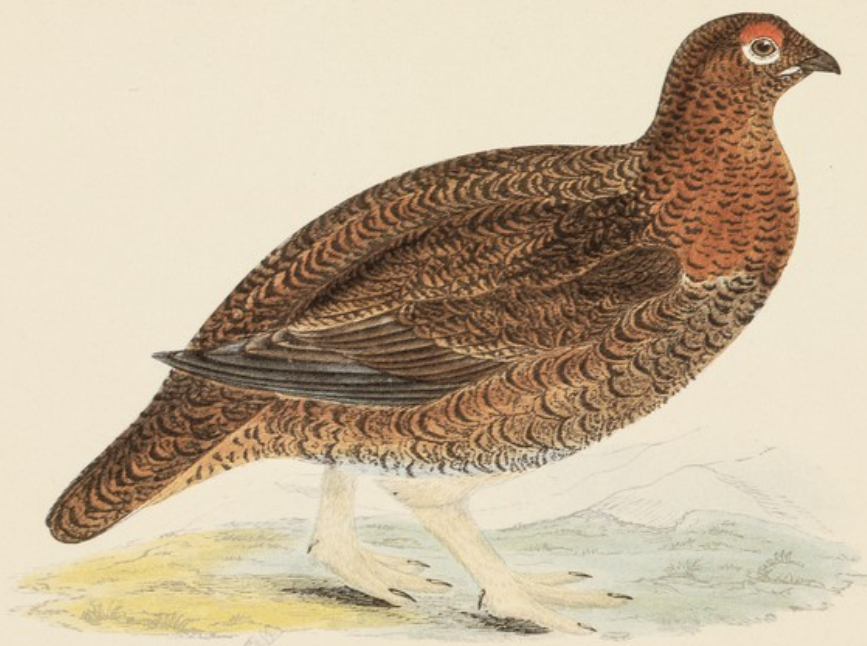
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RED GROUSE

Ventolin

(salbutamol BP)

INHALER and ROTACAPS

Effective bronchodilator therapy avoiding systemic side effects

PRESENTATIONS AND BASIC NHS COSTS

Ventolin Inhaler is a metered-dose aerosol delivering 100 micrograms salbutamol BP per actuation. Each canister provides 200 inhalations. Basic NHS cost £3.00. Ventolin Rotacaps 200 and 400 micrograms each contain 200 or 400 micrograms of salbutamol BP, as sulphate. Basic NHS cost of 100 capsules of each is £5.29 and £7.15, respectively.

Ventolin Rotahaler for use with Ventolin Rotacaps. Basic NHS cost is 78p.

INDICATIONS

Routine control of bronchospasm in bronchial asthma, bronchitis and emphysema, or as required to relieve attacks of acute bronchospasm. Doses may be taken before exertion to prevent exercise-induced asthma or before exposure to a known but unavoidable antigen.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Ventolin Inhaler: for adults the single dose is one or two inhalations and for children it is one inhalation but increasing to two, if necessary. For routine maintenance therapy the single dose is repeated 3 or 4 times daily.

Ventolin Rotacaps: for adults the single dose is one Ventolin Rotacap 200mcg or 400mcg and for children it is one Ventolin Rotacap 200mcg.

For routine maintenance therapy the single dose is repeated 3 or 4 times daily. For optimum results in most patients inhaled Ventolin should be administered routinely 3 or 4 times daily. Rotahalers should be renewed every 6 months.

CONTRA-INDICATIONS

Ventolin preparations should not be used for the prevention of threatened abortion.

PRECAUTIONS

If a previously effective dose of inhaled Ventolin fails to give relief lasting at least three hours, the patient should be advised to seek medical advice. Ventolin should be administered cautiously to patients suffering from thyrotoxicosis. Unnecessary administration of drugs during the first trimester of pregnancy is undesirable.

SIDE EFFECTS

No important side effects have been reported following treatment with inhaled Ventolin.

SELECTED BIRDS OF BRITAIN

RED GROUSE

Lagopus lagopus

This famous game bird is unique to the British Isles. It lives on moors in northern and western areas. The main food source is ling heather, although cranberry shoots and berries are also taken. The population of this hardy bird is more vulnerable to excessive heather burning than shooting; disease and predators also take a toll, especially if the heather cover is inadequate. When flushed a distinctive 'kok-kok' call is uttered. In the breeding season males mark a territory, displaying with leaps and bounds, necks extended and tails fanned. Challenging 'gow-pak' notes are issued. The female makes a scrape on the ground, lining it with heather or grasses. 6-10 eggs are laid. These are cream in colour, blotched with brown. The male is more handsome, his dark reddish-brown contrasting with the brown of the female. The male reaches a length of 15 inches (38 cm), the female is an inch (2.5 cm) or so shorter.

(Illustration from "A History of British Birds" by F. O. Morris)

LEGAL CATEGORY

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