

# Salt Tablets

It is generally recommended that the diet of marine mammals and birds kept in fresh water are supplemented with salt, both to help maintain blood levels under stress and to prevent atrophy of the salt gland in birds. Fish is a low salt diet and deficiencies can easily occur.

Recommended supplementation levels vary. The AZA Penguin Husbandry Manual recommends supplements varying from 250mg sodium chloride on alternate days up to 1g per day, depending on the size of the bird. Recommendations for seals and sea lions have varied from 350mg/kg of fish up to 3g/kg fish. Current recommendations (Handbook of Marine Mammal Medicine) are 2g/kg fish.

Our recommendations, differing slightly from the above, for the tablets are:

## **Penguins**

1-4 x 300mg tablets per bird per day

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## **Pinnipeds**

1 x 1g tablet per kg fish per day

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**SALT TABLETS** for veterinary use have become increasingly difficult to find. We have therefore commissioned a custom pharmaceutical company to produce a 300mg and a 1g salt tablet for use by zoos and marinelands.

The tablets are available from the address below in bottles of 1000 x 300mg, or 1000 x 1g at a considerable saving on the cost of previously available tablets.

## **Zoovet Products**

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