



Sertraline

Helps with anxiety and behaviour problems

Your vet has prescribed sertraline for your pet. It increases the level of serotonin, a natural 'feel good' chemical, in the brain. The label on your pet's medicine always comes first, so keep this with it and ask us anything you're unsure about.

What is it used for?

- Helping with anxiety, fear and compulsive behaviours.
- Used alongside a behaviour modification plan.

How quickly does it work?

- It usually takes 4 to 6 weeks to see the full effect.

How do I give it?

- Give exactly as the label says, with or without food.
- It usually takes 4 to 6 weeks to see the full effect, so keep going.

What if I miss a dose?

- Give it when you remember, unless the next dose is nearly due. In that case skip the missed one.
- Never give two doses together to catch up.
- Don't stop this medicine suddenly unless your vet tells you to.
- If your pet vomits soon after a dose, call us before giving another.

Possible side effects

- Reduced appetite, especially at first.
- Sleepiness, restlessness or tummy upset.

Monitoring and check-ups

- Your vet will review progress regularly and may check blood tests.

Important things to know

- Don't use with some flea collars or dips (containing amitraz), tramadol, or other behaviour medicines unless your vet says so.
- **Don't stop it suddenly.** Your vet will reduce it gradually.
- Tell your vet about any other medicines, supplements or flea and worm treatments your pet has.
- Store safely out of reach of children and other pets. This medicine is for your pet only.

Your questions answered

- **Can I use my own sertraline?** No. Pet doses are different.
- **Will my pet always need it?** Some can reduce gradually as behaviour improves.

Call us straight away on 01843 808344 (24/7) if:

- Your pet is shaking, has a very fast heartbeat, a high temperature or seems confused.
- Your pet has a seizure.
- You think your pet (or anyone else) has taken too much.

Mango's Top Tip

Celebrate small wins! Behaviour change is gradual, and every calm moment is progress worth a treat.