



Mirtazapine

Boosts appetite and settles sickness

Your vet has prescribed mirtazapine for your pet. It acts on the brain to boost appetite and to block some of the signals that cause nausea. 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?

- Stimulating appetite in pets that aren't eating well.
- Helping to reduce nausea and vomiting.

How quickly does it work?

- Appetite often improves within hours to a day.

How do I give it?

- Give exactly as the label says. In cats it may be a tablet or an ointment rubbed on the inside of the ear.
- For the ear ointment, wear gloves and alternate ears each time. Measure a precise line as shown.

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.
- If your pet vomits soon after a dose, call us before giving another.

Possible side effects

- Increased vocalising, restlessness or affection, especially in cats.
- Sleepiness or wobbliness.
- Redness on the ear where ointment is applied.

Monitoring and check-ups

- Your vet will monitor weight and treat the underlying cause of poor appetite.

Important things to know

- Don't give with some behaviour medicines or tramadol unless your vet says so.
- Let us know if your pet has kidney or liver disease, as the dose may need adjusting.
- 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 touch the ear ointment?** Wear gloves. It can be absorbed through the skin.
- **How long will it be needed?** Usually short term, but some pets use it long term.

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

- Your pet still isn't eating after a couple of days.
- Your pet seems very agitated, has a racing heart or trembles.
- You think your pet (or anyone else) has taken too much.

Mango's Top Tip

Don't be alarmed if your cat becomes chattier than usual. It's a common (and often rather sweet) side effect!