



Propranolol

Slows the heart and lowers blood pressure

Your vet has prescribed propranolol for your pet. It blocks the effect of adrenaline on the heart, slowing the heart rate and lowering blood pressure. 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?

- Controlling fast heart rates and some abnormal heart rhythms.
- Controlling heart rate linked to an overactive thyroid or some tumours.

How quickly does it work?

- It starts working within hours.

How do I give it?

- Give exactly as the label says, with or without food.
- Try to give it at the same times each day.

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

- Tiredness, weakness or slow heartbeat.
- Low blood pressure or low blood sugar.

Monitoring and check-ups

- Heart rate and blood pressure checks help your vet adjust the dose.

Important things to know

- **Don't stop it suddenly.** This can cause dangerous heart rate changes.
- Tell your vet if your pet has asthma, diabetes or other breathing problems.
- 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

- **Is it for life?** It depends on the cause. Your vet will review it.
- **Can my pet exercise?** Yes, gently. Your pet may tire more easily.

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

- Your pet faints, collapses or seems very weak.
- Your pet has difficulty breathing.
- You think your pet (or anyone else) has taken too much.

Mango's Top Tip

Count sleeping breaths once or twice a week. Faster breathing can be an early sign something needs checking.