



Sildenafil

Helps with high blood pressure in the lungs

Your vet has prescribed sildenafil for your pet. It relaxes the blood vessels in the lungs, lowering the pressure the right side of the heart pumps against. 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?

- Treating pulmonary hypertension (high blood pressure in the lungs), which can cause breathlessness and fainting.
- Occasionally used for other conditions.

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

- Flushed skin or ears.
- Occasionally, vomiting, diarrhoea or low blood pressure.

Monitoring and check-ups

- Heart scans are repeated to check lung blood pressure.

Important things to know

- Don't give with heart medicines containing nitrates.
- This medicine is for your pet only and must not be taken by people.
- 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 the same drug people use?** Yes, but used at pet doses for a different reason.
- **Is it for life?** Often, yes.

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

- Your pet faints, collapses or has blue gums.
- Your pet is struggling to breathe.
- You think your pet (or anyone else) has taken too much.

Mango's Top Tip

Gentle exercise is best. Short, steady walks at your pet's own pace beat long adventures.