



Omeprazole

Reduces stomach acid

Your vet has prescribed omeprazole for your pet. It switches off the tiny 'pumps' in the stomach lining that produce acid. 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 and preventing stomach ulcers and acid reflux.
- Protecting the stomach in pets on other medicines or with some illnesses.

How quickly does it work?

- It takes a few days to reach full effect.

How do I give it?

- Give on an empty stomach, about 30 to 60 minutes before food, exactly as the label says.
- Don't crush or chew capsules or tablets unless your vet says so, as the coating protects the medicine.

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

- Most pets have no side effects.
- Occasionally, diarrhoea, wind or vomiting.

Monitoring and check-ups

- Your vet will review symptoms and decide how long it is needed. Long courses are reduced gradually.

Important things to know

- It may be prescribed for a short time. Ask before continuing long term.
- 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 omeprazole?** No, doses for pets are different.
- **Why before food?** It works best when the stomach is gearing up for a meal.

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

- Your pet vomits blood or coffee-ground-like material, or has black tarry stools.
- Your pet seems in pain or very weak.
- You think your pet (or anyone else) has taken too much.

Mango's Top Tip

Before-breakfast doses work best. Give the tablet, then make your cup of tea. By the time it's brewed, it's nearly breakfast time!