



Ranitidine

Reduces stomach acid and helps the gut move

Your vet has prescribed ranitidine for your pet. It blocks the signals that tell the stomach to make acid, and can help gut movement. 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?

- Reducing stomach acid to help treat ulcers and reflux.
- Helping the stomach and bowel move food along.

How quickly does it work?

- It starts reducing acid within a couple of hours.

How do I give it?

- Give exactly as the label says. It is often given before a meal.
- It can be given with or without food.

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, vomiting or diarrhoea.

Monitoring and check-ups

- Your vet will review symptoms and whether an alternative is better.

Important things to know

- Ranitidine is less widely available than it used to be, so your vet may suggest an alternative.
- Tell your vet if your pet has kidney or liver 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

- **Why is it harder to get?** Human products were withdrawn, so supply is limited.
- **Is it safe for my pet?** Your vet will only prescribe it if appropriate.

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

- Your pet vomits blood 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

Keep an eye on your pet's appetite and poo. Tummy trouble usually shows there first.