



Diazepam

For seizures, anxiety and muscle relaxation

Your vet has prescribed diazepam for your pet. It boosts a natural calming chemical in the brain, which settles over-active nerves, stops seizures and relaxes muscles. 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?

- Stopping seizures quickly. It may be supplied as a rectal tube for emergencies at home.
- Short-term help with anxiety.
- Relaxing muscles, including around the bladder.

How quickly does it work?

- It works within minutes when given rectally, and within an hour by mouth.

How do I give it?

- Give exactly as the label says.
- For seizures, follow your vet's seizure plan. Rectal tubes are given gently into the bottom.
- Note the time and length of any seizure.

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

- Sleepiness, wobbliness or increased appetite.
- Occasionally, excitement.
- In cats, very rarely, oral diazepam can cause serious liver damage.

Monitoring and check-ups

- Your vet will review your pet's seizure diary and adjust the overall plan.

Important things to know

- Keep emergency tubes somewhere you can reach quickly, but out of reach of children.
- This is a controlled drug. Keep it locked away, never share it, and return any unused medicine to us.
- 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

- **When should I use the rectal tube?** Follow your vet's plan, usually for seizures lasting over 2 to 3 minutes or clusters.
- **Is it safe in cats?** It is used carefully in cats. Tell us straight away if your cat stops eating.

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

- A seizure lasts more than 5 minutes, or seizures come in clusters.
- Your cat stops eating, becomes very quiet or has yellow gums or eyes.
- Your pet is very drowsy or hard to wake.
- You think your pet (or anyone else) has taken too much.

Mango's Top Tip

During a seizure, keep calm, dim the lights, move furniture away and keep your hands away from their mouth. Film it if you can. It helps us enormously!