



Methocarbamol

A muscle relaxant

Your vet has prescribed methocarbamol for your pet. It acts on the spinal cord to calm the nerves that cause muscles to tense and spasm. 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?

- Relaxing muscle spasms, for example after a back injury.
- Treating muscle tremors caused by some poisonings.

How quickly does it work?

- It starts working within an hour or two.

How do I give it?

- Give exactly as the label says, with or without food.
- Rest is usually part of the treatment. Follow your vet's advice on exercise.

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, weakness or wobbliness.
- Occasionally, drooling or vomiting.
- Urine may become darker. This is harmless.

Monitoring and check-ups

- Your vet will check your pet's comfort and movement, and decide how long treatment is needed.

Important things to know

- Supervise on stairs and slippery floors.
- 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 my pet's urine dark?** The medicine can darken urine. It is harmless.
- **Is it a painkiller?** Not exactly, but easing spasms often reduces pain.

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

- Your pet can't stand, seems very weak or is very drowsy.
- Your pet's pain or wobbliness gets worse.
- You think your pet (or anyone else) has taken too much.

Mango's Top Tip

Cage rest can be boring. Puzzle feeders and snuffle mats keep your pet's brain busy while their body heals.