



Itraconazole

An antifungal medicine

Your vet has prescribed itraconazole for your pet. It damages the outer layer of fungal cells so they can no longer grow. 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 fungal infections of the skin, nose, ears or inside the body, such as ringworm and aspergillosis.

How quickly does it work?

- It works slowly. Improvement is usually seen over weeks.

How do I give it?

- Capsules are best given with food. The liquid is best given on an empty stomach, so check the label.
- Treatment can last several weeks. Keep going until your vet says to stop.

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.
- Always finish the full course, even if your pet seems better.
- If your pet vomits soon after a dose, call us before giving another.

Possible side effects

- Reduced appetite, vomiting or diarrhoea.
- Occasionally, liver problems or skin reactions.

Monitoring and check-ups

- Your vet may check liver blood tests during treatment.
- Skin samples or cultures may be repeated to confirm the infection has cleared.

Important things to know

- It can interact with several other medicines, including cisapride.
- With ringworm, wash bedding and wear gloves when handling your pet, as it can spread to 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

- **Why is the course so long?** Fungi are slow to clear, and stopping early can cause a relapse.
- **Can people catch it?** Some fungal infections, like ringworm, can spread, so wash your hands.

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

- Your pet stops eating, or has yellow gums or eyes.
- Your pet develops sore, swollen skin or a rash.
- You think your pet (or anyone else) has taken too much.

Mango's Top Tip

Ringworm spores love to hang around. Hoover often and wash bedding hot to stop them coming back.