



# Hydroxyzine

*An antihistamine for itching*

Your vet has prescribed hydroxyzine for your pet. It blocks histamine, a chemical released in allergic reactions that causes itching and swelling. 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?

- Easing itching caused by allergies.
- Treating other allergic reactions.

## How quickly does it work?

- It starts working within an hour or two, but judge the effect over 1 to 2 weeks.

## How do I give it?

- Give exactly as the label says. It can be given with or without food.
- Give regularly for the best results, rather than only when your pet is itchy.

## 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

- Drowsiness is common.
- Occasionally, dry mouth or excitement.

## Monitoring and check-ups

- Your vet will review your pet's itch and may combine or switch treatments.

## Important things to know

- Tell your vet if your pet has seizures, glaucoma or heart disease.
- 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

- **Is drowsiness a problem?** It is usually mild and often settles.
- **Can it be used with other itch treatments?** Often yes, if your vet agrees.

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

- Your pet's face swells or they have difficulty breathing.
- Your pet has a seizure or seems very agitated.
- You think your pet (or anyone else) has taken too much.

## Mango's Top Tip

Allergies often have more than one cause. Flea treatment, a good diet and skin care all work as a team.