



Levetiracetam

Helps control seizures

Your vet has prescribed levetiracetam for your pet. It calms over-active nerve cells in the brain, making seizures less likely. 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 epilepsy and other seizure disorders.
- Often used alongside other anti-seizure medicines.

How quickly does it work?

- It starts working within hours.

How do I give it?

- Give exactly as the label says. Usually given every 8 hours, or twice daily if it is a slow-release tablet.
- Can be given with or without food. Don't crush slow-release tablets.

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.
- Don't stop this medicine suddenly unless your vet tells you to.
- If your pet vomits soon after a dose, call us before giving another.

Possible side effects

- Sleepiness or wobbliness, usually at the start.
- Occasionally, reduced appetite or behaviour changes.

Monitoring and check-ups

- Your vet will review your seizure diary. Blood tests may be done if seizures aren't controlled.

Important things to know

- **Never stop it suddenly**, as this can trigger seizures.
- Keep a seizure diary: date, time, length and what happened.
- Let us know if your pet has kidney 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

- **Will my pet still have seizures?** Possibly, but fewer. The aim is good control, not always none.
- **Is it safe long term?** Yes. It is generally very well tolerated.

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

- A seizure lasts more than 5 minutes, or seizures come in clusters.
- Your pet doesn't recover normally after a seizure.
- You think your pet (or anyone else) has taken too much.

Mango's Top Tip

Set phone alarms for doses. Regular timing is the key to good seizure control.