



# Metronidazole

*An antibiotic for gut and mouth infections*

Your vet has prescribed metronidazole for your pet. It kills certain bacteria and parasites that live without oxygen, like those in the gut and mouth. 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 some infections of the gut, mouth and wounds.
- Sometimes used to help with diarrhoea caused by certain parasites.

## How quickly does it work?

- Improvement is usually seen within a few days.

## How do I give it?

- Give with food, exactly as the label says.
- It tastes very bitter. Hide tablets well and never crush them for cats.

## 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

- Drooling or foaming, especially in cats, if they taste it.
- Reduced appetite, vomiting or diarrhoea.
- Rarely, at high doses, wobbliness, head tilt or twitching.

## Monitoring and check-ups

- Your vet may recheck stools or your pet's mouth at the end of treatment.

## Important things to know

- Finish the course, even if your pet seems better.
- 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 cat foaming?** The tablets are very bitter. Hide them better or ask us about alternatives.
- **Is wobbliness serious?** Yes, stop the medicine and call us. It usually settles after stopping.

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

- Your pet is wobbly, has a head tilt, flickering eyes or a seizure. Stop the medicine and call us.
- Your pet keeps vomiting or has bloody diarrhoea.
- You think your pet (or anyone else) has taken too much.

## Mango's Top Tip

Bitter pill? Hide it in a small piece of a favourite treat, then give a second 'chaser' treat straight after.