



Chlorambucil

A chemotherapy medicine

Your vet has prescribed chlorambucil for your pet. It damages the genetic material in fast-dividing cells, such as cancer cells, so they cannot multiply. 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 certain cancers, such as some lymphomas and leukaemias.
- Sometimes used for immune-related conditions, such as some gut diseases in cats.

How quickly does it work?

- It works gradually. Your vet will assess the response over several weeks.

How do I give it?

- Give exactly as the label says. Doses may be daily or every few days, so mark a calendar.
- Give with or without food. Tablets may need to be kept in the fridge.

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

- Reduced blood cell counts, which can increase infection risk.
- Occasional vomiting, reduced appetite or diarrhoea.
- Rarely, twitching or nervous signs.

Monitoring and check-ups

- Blood cell counts are usually checked every few weeks at first, then less often.

Important things to know

- This is a chemotherapy-type medicine. Wear disposable gloves to handle it and wash your hands afterwards.
- Never split or crush tablets or open capsules. Anyone pregnant, breastfeeding or trying for a baby should not handle it.
- After each dose, wear gloves to clear up urine, faeces or vomit and double-bag it. Ask us how many days to do this for.
- Your pet may be more prone to infections, so let us know about any illness quickly.
- 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 lose their fur?** Most pets don't. Some whiskers may be lost in cats.
- **Is chemotherapy hard on pets?** Pets usually cope much better than people. Most feel well during treatment.

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

- Your pet has a fever, is very tired or seems unwell.
- Your pet has unusual bleeding, bruising, or keeps vomiting.
- You think your pet (or anyone else) has taken too much.

Mango's Top Tip

Treatment is about quality of life. Keep doing the things your pet loves, and let us know how they're feeling day to day.