



Lamivudine

An antiviral medicine

Your vet has prescribed lamivudine for your pet. It stops certain viruses making copies of their genetic material, slowing how quickly they spread. 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?

- Occasionally used to help manage some viral infections in cats, such as feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV).

How quickly does it work?

- Benefits are judged over weeks to months.

How do I give it?

- Give exactly as the label says, with or without food.
- It is often used alongside other treatments.

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 appetite or vomiting.
- Reduced blood cell counts, such as anaemia.

Monitoring and check-ups

- Regular blood tests are needed.
- Blood cell counts are checked regularly, especially early on.

Important things to know

- Wear gloves to handle it and wash your hands afterwards.
- Keep FIV-positive cats indoors where possible to protect their health and prevent spread to other cats.
- 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 it cure FIV?** No, but it may help control the virus and symptoms.
- **Can my cat live with other cats?** Ask us. Calm, non-fighting households are usually fine.

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

- Your cat is pale, weak or stops eating.
- Your cat has signs of an infection, like a fever or discharge.
- You think your pet (or anyone else) has taken too much.

Mango's Top Tip

Healthy food, fresh water and a calm, indoor life help FIV cats live long and happy lives.