



Dorzolamide

Eye drops for glaucoma

Your vet has prescribed dorzolamide for your pet. It reduces the amount of fluid the eye produces, which lowers the pressure inside the eye. 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?

- Lowering pressure inside the eye in glaucoma.
- Sometimes used to help protect the other eye when one eye has glaucoma.

How quickly does it work?

- It starts lowering eye pressure within a few hours.

How do I give it?

- Wash your hands, then gently tilt your pet's head back and hold the eyelids open.
- Apply to the eye without touching the tip of the bottle or tube onto the eye or fur.
- If using more than one eye product, wait about five minutes between them, and put drops in before ointments.
- Reward your pet afterwards. A calm, quick routine makes every dose easier.
- Give at evenly spaced times each day. Regular timing really matters for eye pressure.

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.

Possible side effects

- Stinging or redness after the drops go in.
- Cats may drool if they taste the drops.

Monitoring and check-ups

- Regular eye pressure checks are needed.
- Eye pressure is usually rechecked within days of starting, then regularly.
- Your vet may also check the other eye, as glaucoma often affects both.

Important things to know

- Glaucoma can cause sudden blindness. Don't miss doses or run out.
- 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 save my pet's sight?** It helps, but some eyes still lose vision. Early, regular treatment gives the best chance.
- **Can it be used with other eye drops?** Yes. Wait about five minutes between different drops.

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

- The eye becomes more painful, red or cloudy, or your pet keeps it shut.
- Your pet is rubbing or scratching at the eye.
- You notice any sudden change in your pet's vision.
- The eye looks larger, more bulging or the pupil stays wide open.

Mango's Top Tip

Link eye drops to something you do every day, like the morning coffee and evening news. No more missed doses!