



Morphine

Strong pain relief

Your vet has prescribed morphine for your pet. It attaches to the body's natural pain-blocking receptors, stopping pain signals reaching the brain. 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 severe pain, such as after surgery or with some cancers.

How quickly does it work?

- It starts working within about an hour.

How do I give it?

- Give exactly as the label says. Some tablets are slow release and must not be crushed.
- Can be given with or without food.

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

- Sleepiness, constipation or reduced appetite.
- Vomiting, especially at first.
- Panting or slow breathing.

Monitoring and check-ups

- Your vet will review pain control and adjust doses as needed.

Important things to know

- Don't give with other pain medicines unless your vet has prescribed them together.
- This is a controlled drug. Keep it locked away, never share it, and return any unused medicine to us.
- 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

- **Is it addictive?** Pets rarely have problems with prescribed courses.
- **What about constipation?** Tell us, as we can help with diet or a laxative.

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

- Your pet is very drowsy, breathing slowly or is hard to wake.
- Your pet seems to be in more pain.
- You think your pet (or anyone else) has taken too much.

Mango's Top Tip

Keep a cosy, quiet recovery space with water close by. Comfort helps pain relief work better.