



Sulfasalazine

An anti-inflammatory for the bowel

Your vet has prescribed sulfasalazine for your pet. It is broken down in the large bowel into a drug that calms inflammation right where it is needed. 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 long-term inflammation of the large bowel (colitis).
- Occasionally used for some skin conditions.

How quickly does it work?

- It usually takes a week or two to see improvement.

How do I give it?

- Give with food, exactly as the label says.

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.
- Dry eye (reduced tear production), especially with long-term use in dogs.
- Rarely, skin reactions or blood problems.

Monitoring and check-ups

- Your vet may do tear tests to check for dry eye.
- Tear tests are recommended before starting and regularly during treatment.

Important things to know

- Use with caution in 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

- **Why the eye checks?** It can reduce tear production, causing dry eye.
- **Is it for cats?** It is used cautiously in cats.

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

- Your pet's eyes become red, sore, sticky or dull-looking.
- Your pet develops a skin rash, yellow gums or unusual bruising.
- You think your pet (or anyone else) has taken too much.

Mango's Top Tip

Sticky eyes can be a sign of dry eye. Keep an eye (sorry!) out and let us know.