



Diphenoxylate

Helps settle diarrhoea

Your vet has prescribed diphenoxylate for your pet. It slows the muscle movements of the gut, giving more time for water to be absorbed so stools firm up. 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?

- Slowing down the gut to ease diarrhoea, usually for a short time.
- It often comes combined with a small amount of atropine.

How quickly does it work?

- It usually starts working within a few hours.

How do I give it?

- Give exactly as the label says. It can be given with or without food.
- Offer plenty of fresh water, as diarrhoea can cause dehydration.
- Your vet may also recommend a bland, easily digested diet.

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

- Constipation or bloating.
- Sleepiness.

Monitoring and check-ups

- If diarrhoea isn't better in 2 to 3 days, your vet will want to investigate the cause.

Important things to know

- It is not suitable for diarrhoea caused by some infections or poisons, so only use it when prescribed.
- Not usually recommended for cats.
- 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

- **Can I keep some for next time?** Please don't. Diarrhoea has many causes and needs checking each time.
- **Is it safe for cats?** It is not usually used in cats.

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

- Your pet's tummy is swollen or painful, or they are vomiting.
- There is blood in the diarrhoea, or your pet is very quiet and weak.
- You think your pet (or anyone else) has taken too much.

Mango's Top Tip

Small, bland meals little and often give a grumbly tummy the best chance to settle.