



Famciclovir

An antiviral for cat flu and eye infections

Your vet has prescribed famciclovir for your pet. It is changed in the body into a drug that stops the herpesvirus copying itself. 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 feline herpesvirus (a cause of cat flu), especially eye infections and ulcers.
- Helping with sneezing, nasal discharge and skin problems caused by the virus.

How quickly does it work?

- Improvement is often seen within a week. Courses usually last 2 to 3 weeks or more.

How do I give it?

- Give exactly as the label says, with or without food.
- Tablets can be hidden in a small amount of tasty food. Don't crush them if your vet says they should be given whole.

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.
- Always finish the full course, even if your pet seems better.
- If your pet vomits soon after a dose, call us before giving another.

Possible side effects

- Most cats have no side effects.
- Occasionally, vomiting, reduced appetite or increased thirst and urination.

Monitoring and check-ups

- Your vet will recheck the eyes or nose, often with a special stain to check ulcers are healing.

Important things to know

- Herpesvirus stays in the body for life and can flare up with stress. Keeping life calm helps.
- Let us know if your cat has kidney disease.
- 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 the virus go away?** It becomes dormant but can flare up with stress.
- **Is it safe for kittens?** Yes, when your vet prescribes it.

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

- Your cat stops eating or has difficulty breathing.
- The eye becomes more painful, cloudy or your cat keeps it shut.
- You think your pet (or anyone else) has taken too much.

Mango's Top Tip

Cats with cat flu can't smell their food. Warm up strong-smelling wet food to tempt them to eat.