



Fludrocortisone

Replaces a missing hormone in Addison's disease

Your vet has prescribed fludrocortisone for your pet. It replaces aldosterone, a hormone that helps the body keep the right balance of salt, potassium and water. 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 Addison's disease, where the body doesn't make enough of certain hormones.

How quickly does it work?

- It starts working within a day or two.

How do I give it?

- Give exactly as the label says, usually once or twice a day.
- Give with or without food, at the same time each day.

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.
- If your pet vomits soon after a dose, call us before giving another.

Possible side effects

- Increased thirst and urination.
- Occasionally weight gain or panting.

Monitoring and check-ups

- Regular blood tests will check salt levels and fine-tune the dose.
- Salt and potassium levels are checked 1 to 2 weeks after starting or any dose change, then every few months.

Important things to know

- **Never stop this medicine suddenly.** Your pet needs it for life.
- At stressful times, like travel, kennels or illness, your pet may need extra medication. Ask 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

- **Does my pet need prednisolone too?** Often yes, at a low dose. Your vet will explain.
- **Is it for life?** Yes. Addison's disease needs lifelong treatment.

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

- Your pet is weak, shaking, vomiting, has diarrhoea or collapses. These can be signs of an Addisonian crisis.
- Your pet stops eating.
- You think your pet (or anyone else) has taken too much.

Mango's Top Tip

Never let the pot run low. Put a reminder in your phone a week before you need a repeat prescription.