



Piroxicam

An anti-inflammatory used in some cancers

Your vet has prescribed piroxicam for your pet. It is an anti-inflammatory that also seems to slow the growth of some tumours, especially in the bladder. 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 some types of cancer, especially bladder cancer, often alongside other treatments.
- Reducing pain and inflammation.

How quickly does it work?

- The effect on tumours is judged over weeks.

How do I give it?

- Give with food, exactly as the label says.
- Wear gloves when handling capsules and wash your hands afterwards.

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

- Vomiting, reduced appetite or diarrhoea.
- Stomach ulcers.
- Kidney problems.

Monitoring and check-ups

- Regular blood tests are needed to check kidney values.
- Urine checks are also done regularly.
- Scans may be used to monitor the tumour.

Important things to know

- Don't give with other anti-inflammatory painkillers (NSAIDs) or steroids.
- Anyone pregnant should not handle it.
- 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 not other painkillers?** Piroxicam has a special effect on some tumours.
- **What if my pet stops eating?** Stop the medicine and call us.

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

- Your pet vomits blood or has black tarry stools.
- Your pet stops eating, drinks much more, or seems very weak.
- You think your pet (or anyone else) has taken too much.

Mango's Top Tip

A stomach protector is sometimes given alongside. If your pet's appetite dips, give us a call. We can often help.