



Vitamin D

Helps control calcium levels

Your vet has prescribed vitamin d for your pet. Active vitamin D helps the gut absorb calcium and helps keep calcium and phosphate in balance. 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 low blood calcium, for example after thyroid or parathyroid surgery.
- Sometimes used in pets with kidney disease (as calcitriol).

How quickly does it work?

- It can take days to weeks to reach steady levels.

How do I give it?

- Give exactly as the label says, with or without food.
- Measure carefully. The doses are very small and precise.

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

- Too much vitamin D can cause high calcium: increased thirst, peeing, vomiting and weakness.

Monitoring and check-ups

- Regular blood tests are essential to check calcium and phosphate levels.
- Calcium is checked frequently at first, sometimes weekly, then every few months.

Important things to know

- Don't give other supplements containing vitamin D or calcium unless your vet says so.
- 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 use human vitamin D?** No. Pet doses are tiny and precise.
- **Is it needed for life?** Sometimes. Your vet will decide.

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

- Your pet is very thirsty, vomiting or weak.
- Your pet is twitching, trembling or has a seizure (signs of low calcium).
- You think your pet (or anyone else) has taken too much.

Mango's Top Tip

Vitamin D is powerful stuff in tiny doses. Keep the bottle safely stored and never use human supplements.