



Misoprostol

Protects the stomach lining

Your vet has prescribed misoprostol for your pet. It is a man-made version of a natural substance that protects the stomach lining and reduces acid. 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?

- Preventing and treating stomach ulcers, especially in pets taking anti-inflammatory painkillers (NSAIDs).

How quickly does it work?

- It starts working within hours.

How do I give it?

- Give with food, exactly as the label says.

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

- Diarrhoea, tummy cramps or wind, usually at first.
- Vomiting.

Monitoring and check-ups

- Your vet will review whether it is still needed alongside other medicines.

Important things to know

- **Misoprostol can cause miscarriage.** Anyone who is pregnant, or may be, must not handle it. Wear gloves and wash your hands.
- Don't give to pregnant pets.
- 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 the pregnancy warning?** It can cause contractions of the womb.
- **Can someone else give it?** Yes, anyone not pregnant, ideally wearing gloves.

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

- Your pet vomits blood or has black tarry stools.
- Your pet has severe diarrhoea or seems in pain.
- You think your pet (or anyone else) has taken too much.

Mango's Top Tip

Worried about handling it? Ask us for gloves and a pill pocket, or let another member of the household give it.