



Fluoxetine

Helps with anxiety and behaviour problems

Your vet has prescribed fluoxetine for your pet. It increases the level of serotonin, a natural 'feel good' chemical, in the brain. 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?

- Helping with anxiety, compulsive behaviours and some types of aggression.
- Used alongside a behaviour modification plan.

How quickly does it work?

- It usually takes 4 to 6 weeks to see the full effect.

How do I give it?

- Give exactly as the label says, with or without food.
- It usually takes 4 to 6 weeks to see the full effect, so keep going.

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

- Reduced appetite, especially at first.
- Sleepiness or restlessness.
- Rarely, seizures.

Monitoring and check-ups

- Your vet will review progress after a month or two, and may check blood tests in older pets.

Important things to know

- Don't use with some flea collars or dips (containing amitraz), tramadol, or other behaviour medicines unless your vet says so.
- **Don't stop it suddenly.** Your vet will reduce it gradually.
- Tell your vet if your pet has had seizures.
- 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 my pet always need it?** Some pets can reduce it gradually once behaviour improves.
- **Can I use my own fluoxetine?** No. Doses for pets are very different.

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

- Your pet is shaking, has a very fast heartbeat, a high temperature or seems confused.
- Your pet has a seizure.
- You think your pet (or anyone else) has taken too much.

Mango's Top Tip

Medicine opens the door, training walks through it. Pair treatment with lots of positive, reward-based practice.