



Clotrimazole

An antifungal for skin, ears and nose

Your vet has prescribed clotrimazole for your pet. It damages the outer layer of yeasts and fungi so they can no longer grow. 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 fungal and yeast infections of the skin and ears.
- Sometimes used as a special treatment for fungal nose infections in dogs (given at the practice).

How quickly does it work?

- Improvement is usually seen within a week, but treatment continues until the infection is fully cleared.

How do I give it?

- Clean the area first if your vet advises, then apply a thin layer as the label says.
- For ear products, massage the base of the ear gently after applying.
- Stop your pet licking it off, for example by applying before a walk or using a buster collar.

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.
- Always finish the full course, even if your pet seems better.

Possible side effects

- Mild redness or irritation where it is applied.

Monitoring and check-ups

- Your vet may take swabs or skin samples to check that the infection has gone.

Important things to know

- Keep using it for the full time advised, even if it looks better, so the infection doesn't return.
- Wash your hands after use. Some fungal infections, like ringworm, can pass to people.
- 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 people catch it?** Some fungal infections, like ringworm, can spread. Wash your hands after handling.
- **Why do ear infections keep coming back?** Often an allergy is behind it. Ask us about long-term care.

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

- The skin becomes more red, swollen or sore.
- Your pet develops a head tilt, loses balance or seems deaf after using ear treatment.

Mango's Top Tip

A buster collar isn't a punishment. It's a treatment helper! Many pets get used to it within a day.