



Acetylcysteine

Protects the liver and loosens mucus

Your vet has prescribed acetylcysteine for your pet. It helps the liver rebuild its natural defences against toxins and breaks down the bonds that make mucus thick and sticky. 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 certain poisonings, especially paracetamol poisoning, alongside hospital care.
- Helping to break down thick mucus in the airways.
- As eye drops, helping to protect the surface of the eye in some eye conditions.

How quickly does it work?

- For poisoning, it starts working straight away and is often given in hospital first.
- For mucus or eye problems, you should see an improvement within a few days.

How do I give it?

- Give exactly as the label says. It may be tablets, a liquid, a nebuliser solution or eye drops.
- It has a strong, eggy smell and taste. Mixing tablets or liquid into a small tasty meal can help.
- For eye drops, keep the bottle in the fridge if the label says so and use it for the time stated.

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

- Some pets vomit or drool, often because of the taste.
- Eye drops may sting briefly when first applied.

Monitoring and check-ups

- If your pet was treated for poisoning, your vet may want follow-up blood tests to check the liver.
- Your vet will tell you if any rechecks are needed once treatment finishes.

Important things to know

- Paracetamol is poisonous to cats and can harm dogs. Never give human painkillers without asking us.
- 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

- **Is the smell a sign it has gone off?** No, the eggy smell is normal for this medicine.
- **Can I use it for my pet's cough without asking?** No, always check with us first, as coughs have many causes.

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

- Your pet keeps vomiting or won't eat.
- Your pet's gums look yellow, brown or very pale, or their face or paws swell.
- You think your pet (or anyone else) has taken too much.

Mango's Top Tip

That eggy smell is completely normal, honestly! A dab of something tasty, like a little squeeze of pet-safe paste, can help it go down.