



Salbutamol

A reliever inhaler for breathing difficulty

Your vet has prescribed salbutamol for your pet. It relaxes the muscles around the airways, opening them up so air can flow more easily. 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?

- Quickly opening up the airways during an asthma attack or breathing difficulty.
- Used mainly for cats with asthma and some dogs with airway disease.

How quickly does it work?

- It works within minutes.

How do I give it?

- It is given using an inhaler with a spacer and a face mask designed for pets.
- Shake the inhaler, attach it to the spacer, puff once, then hold the mask gently over the nose and mouth for about 7 to 10 breaths.
- Use it when your pet is struggling to breathe, or as your vet directs.

What if I miss a dose?

- It is usually used when needed. If your vet has asked for regular doses, give a missed one when you remember, unless the next one is nearly due.
- Never give two doses together to catch up.

Possible side effects

- Fast heartbeat.
- Restlessness or trembling.

Monitoring and check-ups

- Your vet will review how often it is needed. Frequent use means the preventer needs adjusting.

Important things to know

- It is a reliever, not a preventer. If you need it more often, contact us.
- Keep it somewhere you can reach it quickly.
- 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

- **How do I know if it's working?** Breathing should become slower and less effortful.
- **Can I use my own inhaler?** Only if your vet has specifically advised it.

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

- Your pet is breathing with their mouth open, has blue gums or is still struggling after using the inhaler.
- You are needing the inhaler more and more often.
- You think your pet (or anyone else) has taken too much.

Mango's Top Tip

Practise with the spacer on calm days, with lots of treats. Then when you really need it, your pet will be relaxed about it.