



Amlodipine

Lowers high blood pressure

Your vet has prescribed amlodipine for your pet. It relaxes the muscles in the walls of the blood vessels, so they widen and blood pressure falls. 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 high blood pressure, most commonly in cats with kidney disease or an overactive thyroid.
- Protecting the eyes, kidneys, heart and brain from damage caused by high blood pressure.

How quickly does it work?

- Blood pressure starts to fall within a day or two. The full effect is seen in about a week.

How do I give it?

- Give once or twice daily as on the label. It can be given with or without food.
- Try to give it at the same time each day.

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

- Most pets have no side effects.
- Occasionally tiredness, reduced appetite or swollen gums with long-term use.

Monitoring and check-ups

- Regular blood pressure checks are needed to make sure the dose is right.
- Blood pressure is usually rechecked 1 to 2 weeks after starting, then every few months.
- Kidney and thyroid blood tests are often checked at the same time.

Important things to know

- Treat the underlying cause too, such as kidney or thyroid disease.
- Don't stop it suddenly unless your vet tells you to.
- 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

- **My cat seems fine. Is it still needed?** Yes. High blood pressure is often silent until damage happens.
- **Is it for life?** Usually, yes. Most pets need it long term.

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

- Your pet suddenly seems blind, has dilated pupils or bumps into things.
- Your pet collapses, becomes very weak or has a seizure.
- You think your pet (or anyone else) has taken too much.

Mango's Top Tip

Cats hate travel stress, and stress raises blood pressure! Bring a familiar blanket in the carrier so their check-up reading is accurate.