



Mitotane

Controls hormone levels in Cushing's disease

Your vet has prescribed mitotane for your pet. It destroys part of the adrenal glands that make too much cortisol, the hormone behind Cushing's disease. 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 Cushing's disease by reducing the production of certain hormones.
- Occasionally used for tumours of the adrenal gland.

How quickly does it work?

- The loading phase usually takes 5 to 10 days. Your vet will tell you when to stop.

How do I give it?

- Give with a fatty meal to help absorption, exactly as the label says.
- Treatment usually starts with a daily 'loading' phase, then drops to a weekly dose. Watch your pet closely during loading.
- Wear gloves when handling tablets.

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

- Reduced appetite, vomiting or diarrhoea.
- Weakness or tiredness.

Monitoring and check-ups

- Regular blood tests are essential.
- A blood test (ACTH stimulation) is done after loading, then every few months.

Important things to know

- Your vet may give you an emergency steroid to use if your pet shows signs of low hormone levels.
- 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 loading is complete?** Usually when your dog eats more slowly or drinks less. Call us.
- **Is it for life?** Usually, with regular maintenance doses.

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

- Your pet stops eating, vomits, has diarrhoea, or seems very weak or wobbly. Stop the medicine and call us.
- Your pet collapses.
- You think your pet (or anyone else) has taken too much.

Mango's Top Tip

During the loading phase, watch meal times closely. A dog who suddenly eats more slowly is telling you something!