



Aspirin

Helps prevent blood clots

Your vet has prescribed aspirin for your pet. It stops platelets (tiny cells in the blood) from sticking together, which makes clots less likely to form. 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?

- Most commonly used at low doses to help reduce the risk of blood clots, for example in some heart or blood conditions.
- Occasionally used for pain or inflammation, but other medicines are usually preferred.

How quickly does it work?

- Its effect on platelets starts within hours and lasts several days.

How do I give it?

- Only ever give the aspirin your vet has prescribed, at the dose on the label.
- Give with food to help protect the stomach.
- In cats, doses are often given only every few days, so mark the days on a calendar.

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

- Vomiting, reduced appetite or stomach ulcers.
- Bruising or bleeding more easily.

Monitoring and check-ups

- Your vet will check your pet regularly and watch for signs of stomach irritation.

Important things to know

- **Never give human aspirin without your vet's advice.** Cats are especially sensitive and can be seriously poisoned.
- Don't give with other anti-inflammatory painkillers (NSAIDs) or steroids unless your vet says so.
- 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 I use aspirin from my cupboard?** No. Use only the product and dose your vet prescribes.
- **Why only every few days in cats?** Cats clear aspirin very slowly, so doses must be spaced out.

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

- Your pet vomits blood, has black tarry stools or pale gums.
- Your pet has unusual bleeding or bruising, or seems weak.
- You think your pet (or anyone else) has taken too much.

Mango's Top Tip

Human medicine cupboards are full of pet dangers. Keep your own tablets high up and out of paw's reach!