



Buprenorphine

Strong pain relief

Your vet has prescribed buprenorphine for your pet. It attaches to the body's natural pain-blocking receptors, reducing the pain signals that reach the brain. 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 moderate to severe pain, for example after surgery or an injury.

How quickly does it work?

- It starts working within about 30 minutes and lasts several hours.

How do I give it?

- In cats it is usually given into the mouth or onto the gums, where it is absorbed. It doesn't need to be swallowed.
- Use the syringe supplied and measure carefully. Never guess the amount.
- Give at the intervals on the label to keep your pet comfortable.

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

- Sleepiness or seeming 'spaced out'.
- Cats may become playful, purr and roll, or have large pupils. This is normal.
- Occasionally a higher temperature or reduced appetite.

Monitoring and check-ups

- Your vet will check your pet's pain levels at their recheck and decide how long pain relief is needed.

Important things to know

- Avoid giving other pain medicines unless your vet has prescribed them to be given together.
- This is a controlled drug. Keep it locked away, never share it, and return any unused medicine to 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

- **Why is it given into the cheek?** In cats, it is absorbed through the gums, so there is no need to swallow.
- **Is it addictive?** Short courses in pets are very unlikely to cause problems.

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

- Your pet is very drowsy, breathing slowly or is hard to wake.
- Your pet's pain seems to be getting worse, not better.
- You think your pet (or anyone else) has taken too much.

Mango's Top Tip

Cats on buprenorphine often turn into purring, rolling fluffballs. Enjoy the cuddles, and keep them calm while they recover!