



Cyproheptadine

An appetite booster and antihistamine

Your vet has prescribed cyproheptadine for your pet. It blocks histamine and serotonin, which reduces allergy signs and switches on the hunger centre in 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?

- Stimulating appetite, especially in cats that aren't eating well.
- Treating allergies and itching.
- Occasionally used for other conditions under your vet's guidance.

How quickly does it work?

- Appetite often improves within a few hours.

How do I give it?

- Give exactly as the label says. It is often given 30 to 60 minutes before a meal.
- It can be specially made up as a liquid for cats.

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 sometimes excitement.
- Increased appetite (which is often the aim!).

Monitoring and check-ups

- Your vet will check your pet's weight and look for the cause of the poor appetite.

Important things to know

- Don't give with some behaviour medicines, like fluoxetine, unless your vet says so.
- If your pet still isn't eating after a couple of days, contact 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

- **How long can it be used?** Usually short term while the underlying problem is treated.
- **Why is my cat so affectionate?** Some cats become extra friendly or vocal. It's harmless.

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

- Your pet stops eating entirely, especially if it is a cat. Cats can become seriously ill quickly without food.
- Your pet seems very agitated, wobbly or has a seizure.
- You think your pet (or anyone else) has taken too much.

Mango's Top Tip

Warm food smells stronger and is more tempting. Heat wet food to body temperature and stir well to avoid hot spots.