



Chlorphenamine

An antihistamine for allergies

Your vet has prescribed chlorphenamine for your pet. It blocks histamine, a chemical the body releases during allergic reactions that causes itching, redness and swelling. 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?

- Easing allergic reactions, such as itching, hives or swelling.
- Sometimes used before a blood transfusion or some treatments to reduce allergic reactions.

How quickly does it work?

- It starts working within an hour or two.

How do I give it?

- Give exactly as the label says. It can be given with or without food.
- It works best when given before an allergic flare-up, not only during one.

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

- Drowsiness is common.
- Occasionally dry mouth, vomiting or excitement.

Monitoring and check-ups

- Your vet will review whether it is helping. Antihistamines work well in some pets and not others.

Important things to know

- Only use the product we supply. Some human antihistamine mixtures contain decongestants that are dangerous to pets.
- Tell your vet if your pet has glaucoma, heart disease or difficulty peeing.
- 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 my own hay fever tablets?** No. Human products can contain other harmful ingredients.
- **Why is my pet sleepy?** Drowsiness is a common side effect and usually mild.

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

- Your pet's face swells or they have difficulty breathing.
- Your pet is very agitated, drowsy or wobbly.
- You think your pet (or anyone else) has taken too much.

Mango's Top Tip

Itchy pets love a bath with a vet-approved soothing shampoo. Ask us which one is best for your pet's skin.