



Cyclophosphamide

A chemotherapy medicine

Your vet has prescribed cyclophosphamide for your pet. It damages the genetic material of fast-dividing cells, such as cancer cells, stopping them multiplying. 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 certain cancers, such as lymphoma, often as part of a combination protocol.
- Sometimes used for immune-related diseases.

How quickly does it work?

- It is usually part of a treatment protocol, and your vet will assess the response over several weeks.

How do I give it?

- Give exactly as the label says, **in the morning**.
- Encourage drinking and let your pet out to pee often, especially in the evening, so the medicine doesn't sit in the bladder.
- Some protocols give a diuretic at the same time to help flush the bladder.

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 blood cell counts, which can increase infection risk.
- Vomiting, diarrhoea or reduced appetite.
- Bladder irritation (cystitis), causing blood in the urine.

Monitoring and check-ups

- Blood cell counts are checked before doses, as white blood cells dip after treatment.
- Urine may be checked for signs of bladder irritation.

Important things to know

- This is a chemotherapy-type medicine. Wear disposable gloves to handle it and wash your hands afterwards.
- Never split or crush tablets or open capsules. Anyone pregnant, breastfeeding or trying for a baby should not handle it.
- After each dose, wear gloves to clear up urine, faeces or vomit and double-bag it. Ask us how many days to do this for.
- Hair loss is rare in most pets, but breeds with continuously growing coats, like poodles, may lose some fur.
- 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 the morning dose?** It gives the bladder the whole day to flush out the medicine.
- **Will my pet feel ill?** Most pets feel well. Anti-sickness medicine can help if needed.

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

- There is blood in your pet's urine or they are straining to pee.
- Your pet has a fever, is very tired or keeps vomiting.
- You think your pet (or anyone else) has taken too much.

Mango's Top Tip

Morning dose, lots of water and plenty of pee breaks. That's the winning formula for a happy bladder!