



Sucralfate

Forms a protective layer over ulcers

Your vet has prescribed sucralfate for your pet. It turns into a sticky paste in the stomach that clings to ulcers, shielding them from acid while they heal. 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?

- Protecting ulcers in the stomach and food pipe while they heal.
- Occasionally, reducing phosphate levels in kidney disease.

How quickly does it work?

- It starts protecting within hours.

How do I give it?

- Give on an empty stomach, about an hour before food.
- Tablets can be dissolved in a little water to make a slurry, which coats the gut better.
- Give other medicines at least two hours before or after sucralfate, as it can stop them being absorbed.

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

- Constipation is the most common side effect.
- Occasionally, vomiting.

Monitoring and check-ups

- Your vet will review symptoms and decide how long it is needed.

Important things to know

- It works on contact, so it isn't absorbed much into the body.
- 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 an empty stomach?** Food stops it coating the ulcers properly.
- **Can it be given with omeprazole?** Yes, but keep them apart as your vet advises.

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

- Your pet vomits blood or has black tarry stools.
- Your pet stops eating or seems in pain.
- You think your pet (or anyone else) has taken too much.

Mango's Top Tip

Make a 'sucralfate slurry': dissolve the tablet in a little water and syringe it in. It coats the ulcers beautifully!