



Prednisolone acetate

Steroid eye drops

Your vet has prescribed prednisolone acetate for your pet. It is a steroid that reduces inflammation inside and on the surface of the eye. 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?

- Reducing inflammation in the eye, such as uveitis or after eye surgery.

How quickly does it work?

- It starts working within a day or two.

How do I give it?

- **Shake the bottle well** before every use, as the medicine settles.
- Wash your hands, then gently tilt your pet's head back and hold the eyelids open.
- Apply to the eye without touching the tip of the bottle or tube onto the eye or fur.
- If using more than one eye product, wait about five minutes between them, and put drops in before ointments.

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.
- Don't stop this medicine suddenly unless your vet tells you to.

Possible side effects

- Mild stinging or redness.
- With long-term use, an increased risk of eye infections or raised eye pressure.

Monitoring and check-ups

- Your vet will recheck the eye and eye pressure, and reduce the drops gradually.

Important things to know

- **Never use on an eye with an ulcer unless your vet says so**, as steroids can make ulcers worse.
- Don't stop suddenly. Your vet may reduce the drops gradually.
- 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 can't it go on ulcers?** Steroids can slow ulcer healing or make them deeper.
- **Why shake it?** The medicine settles at the bottom of the bottle.

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

- The eye becomes more painful, red or cloudy, or your pet keeps it shut.
- Your pet is rubbing or scratching at the eye.
- You notice any sudden change in your pet's vision.
- The eye looks cloudy or has a white or blue spot.

Mango's Top Tip

Shake, shake, shake! A good shake is the difference between a proper dose and a watery one.