



Mexiletine

Helps control an irregular heartbeat

Your vet has prescribed mexiletine for your pet. It slows the electrical signals in the heart muscle, helping to prevent dangerous extra beats. 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 abnormal heart rhythms.

How quickly does it work?

- It starts working within hours.

How do I give it?

- Give with food, exactly as the label says. This helps reduce tummy upsets.
- Try to give it at the same times each day.

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.
- If your pet vomits soon after a dose, call us before giving another.

Possible side effects

- Vomiting, reduced appetite or diarrhoea.
- Occasionally, trembling or wobbliness.

Monitoring and check-ups

- Heart checks (ECGs) are needed to make sure the treatment is working.
- ECGs or a 24-hour heart monitor show whether the dose is right.

Important things to know

- Don't stop it suddenly unless your vet tells you to.
- 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 with food?** Food reduces tummy upsets.
- **Is it used with other heart drugs?** Often yes, such as sotalol.

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

- Your pet faints or collapses.
- Your pet is shaking, wobbly or has a seizure.
- You think your pet (or anyone else) has taken too much.

Mango's Top Tip

If your pet has a fainting episode, note the time and what they were doing. It's valuable information for us.