



Fentanyl patches

Strong pain relief through the skin

Your vet has prescribed fentanyl patches for your pet. Fentanyl passes slowly through the skin into the blood and blocks pain signals in the brain and spinal cord. 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?

- Providing continuous strong pain relief, often after surgery or for severe pain.

How quickly does it work?

- It takes 6 to 24 hours to start working and lasts several days.

How do I give it?

- Your vet will put the patch on, usually on a shaved area of skin, often with a dressing over it.
- Don't touch the sticky side of the patch. If you do, wash your hands straight away with water only.
- Don't let your pet lick, chew or scratch at the patch.

What if I miss a dose?

- Patches work continuously, so there are no doses to miss.
- Your vet will tell you when the patch needs removing. Bring your pet back on the date given.

Possible side effects

- Sleepiness or seeming 'spaced out'.
- Changes in body temperature, slow breathing or reduced appetite.

Monitoring and check-ups

- Your vet will check the patch, your pet's comfort and when the patch should come off.

Important things to know

- **Fentanyl patches are very dangerous to people, especially children, and other pets.** Keep your pet away from children while wearing a patch.
- Don't place heat pads or hot water bottles near the patch, as heat increases absorption.
- If the patch falls off, fold it in half with the sticky sides together, keep it safe and bring it to us.
- This is a controlled drug. Keep it locked away, never share it, and return any unused medicine to us.
- 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 my pet go outside?** Yes, supervised, but keep them calm and stop the patch getting wet.
- **How do I dispose of it?** Bring it back to us. Never put it in the household bin.

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

- The patch falls off or your pet chews or eats it.
- A child or other person touches or puts the patch in their mouth. Call 999 or NHS 111 straight away.
- Your pet is very drowsy, breathing slowly or hard to wake.

Mango's Top Tip

Wearing a patch is a great excuse for a quiet few days. Keep your pet cosy, calm and away from the kids.