



Erythromycin

An antibiotic that also gets the gut moving

Your vet has prescribed erythromycin for your pet. It stops bacteria from making proteins they need to grow. At low doses it also triggers gut contractions. 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 some bacterial infections.
- At low doses, helping the stomach empty and moving food through the gut.

How quickly does it work?

- For infections, improvement is usually seen in 2 to 3 days.

How do I give it?

- Give exactly as the label says. Check whether it should be given with food or on an empty stomach.
- Liquids should be shaken well before use.

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.
- Always finish the full course, even if your pet seems better.
- If your pet vomits soon after a dose, call us before giving another.

Possible side effects

- Vomiting, reduced appetite or diarrhoea are fairly common.
- Tummy cramps.

Monitoring and check-ups

- Your vet may recheck your pet at the end of the course.

Important things to know

- It can interact with several other medicines, including cisapride and some heart medicines.
- Finish the course of antibiotics, even if your pet seems better.
- 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 does it upset the tummy?** Its effect on gut movement can cause cramps or vomiting.
- **Can it be given with other medicines?** It interacts with several drugs, so always tell us what else your pet takes.

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

- Your pet keeps vomiting or has severe or bloody diarrhoea.
- Your pet has swelling of the face, hives, or sudden difficulty breathing.
- You think your pet (or anyone else) has taken too much.

Mango's Top Tip

Tummy troubles? Try giving the dose with a small snack (if your vet agrees) and let us know if it continues.