



Amantadine

Adds extra pain relief for long-term pain

Your vet has prescribed amantadine for your pet. It blocks receptors in the spinal cord that turn up the 'volume' of pain, helping other painkillers work better. 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?

- Helping to control long-term pain, such as arthritis, usually alongside other painkillers.
- It helps stop the nerves becoming over-sensitive to pain.

How quickly does it work?

- It builds up slowly. Give it 2 to 3 weeks before judging how well it is working.

How do I give it?

- Give exactly as the label says. It can be given with or without food.
- It usually takes a few weeks to see the full benefit, so keep going.
- Keep giving your pet's other pain medicines unless your vet says otherwise.

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

- Most pets have no side effects.
- Some may have loose stools, wind or become a little restless.

Monitoring and check-ups

- Your vet will review your pet's comfort and mobility regularly and may adjust other pain medicines.

Important things to know

- Let us know if your pet has kidney problems, seizures or heart disease.
- Don't stop it suddenly. Your vet will advise on reducing it.
- 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 it replace my pet's other painkiller?** Usually not. It works best as a team player.
- **Is it safe long term?** Yes, many pets take it for long periods with regular check-ups.

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

- Your pet becomes very agitated, confused or wobbly.
- Your pet has a seizure.
- You think your pet (or anyone else) has taken too much.

Mango's Top Tip

Keep a little diary of good days and stiff days. It's a brilliant way to show us how well the pain relief is working.