



Diazoxide

Helps keep blood sugar up

Your vet has prescribed diazoxide for your pet. It stops the pancreas releasing insulin and helps the liver release stored sugar, keeping blood sugar from dropping too low. 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 low blood sugar caused by insulinoma, a tumour of the pancreas that releases too much insulin.

How quickly does it work?

- It starts working within hours.

How do I give it?

- Give with food, exactly as the label says.
- Feed small meals often, usually 3 to 6 times a day, to help keep blood sugar steady.
- Avoid sugary treats, which can trigger a sudden insulin release.

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

- Vomiting or reduced appetite.
- Increased thirst or high blood sugar.

Monitoring and check-ups

- Blood glucose is checked regularly to fine-tune the dose.
- Your vet will also monitor the tumour with scans where possible.

Important things to know

- Keep a pet-safe sugar source, such as glucose gel, handy in case of a low-sugar episode.
- Short, gentle walks are better than long, intense exercise.
- 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 surgery help?** In some pets. Your vet will discuss all options.
- **What should I keep at home?** A pet-safe glucose gel or honey to rub on the gums in an emergency, then call us.

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

- Your pet is trembling, weak, wobbly, confused or has a seizure (signs of low blood sugar).
- Your pet collapses.
- You think your pet (or anyone else) has taken too much.

Mango's Top Tip

Little and often is the rule. Meal times become snack times, and your pet will probably approve!