



Lorazepam

Short-term help for anxiety and seizures

Your vet has prescribed lorazepam for your pet. It boosts a natural calming chemical in the brain, reducing fear and calming over-active nerves. 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?

- Reducing fear or panic before a stressful event.
- Sometimes used to help control seizures.

How quickly does it work?

- It usually starts working within an hour.

How do I give it?

- Give exactly as the label says, usually about an hour before a stressful event.
- Try a test dose on a calm day first if your vet suggests it.
- Can be given with or without food.

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

- Sleepiness, wobbliness or increased appetite.
- Occasionally, excitement or agitation.

Monitoring and check-ups

- Your vet will review how well it works and adjust the dose if needed.

Important things to know

- It can make your pet less cautious. Supervise around stairs, water and roads.
- Don't stop it suddenly if it has been given regularly.
- 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

- **Will my pet be sedated?** The aim is calm, not unconscious. Tell us if they are very sleepy.
- **Is it for every scary event?** It can be, as part of a longer-term behaviour plan.

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

- Your pet is very drowsy, can't stand or seems collapsed.
- A seizure lasts more than 5 minutes.
- You think your pet (or anyone else) has taken too much.

Mango's Top Tip

Create a safe space before the scary event starts: a covered crate, a comfy bed and some calming background noise.