



Fluticasone

An inhaled steroid for asthma and airway disease

Your vet has prescribed fluticasone for your pet. It is a steroid that reduces inflammation in the airways, helping to stop them narrowing and producing mucus. 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?

- Controlling inflammation in the airways, for example in feline asthma or chronic bronchitis in dogs.

How quickly does it work?

- It takes 1 to 2 weeks to reach full effect, so oral steroids may be used at first.

How do I give it?

- It is given using an inhaler with a spacer and a face mask designed for pets.
- Shake the inhaler, attach it to the spacer, puff once, then hold the mask gently over the nose and mouth for about 7 to 10 breaths.
- Practise with the empty spacer and plenty of treats first.

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.
- Don't stop this medicine suddenly unless your vet tells you to.

Possible side effects

- Much fewer side effects than steroid tablets because it works mainly in the lungs.
- Occasionally, a mild cough or irritation around the mouth.

Monitoring and check-ups

- Your vet will review breathing, coughing and how often a reliever is needed.

Important things to know

- It is a preventer, not a reliever, so it won't stop an asthma attack straight away. Keep using it daily.
- Clean the mask and spacer regularly.
- Don't stop it suddenly unless your vet tells you to.
- 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

- **Does it cause steroid side effects?** Far fewer than tablets, because it goes straight to the lungs.
- **How do I know it's working?** Fewer coughs, wheezes and quieter breathing.

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

- Your pet is breathing with their mouth open, has blue gums or is struggling to breathe.
- Your pet's coughing or wheezing gets worse.

Mango's Top Tip

Start with spacer training: sniff, treat, touch, treat. Before long, your pet will come running for their puff!