



Calcichew

A calcium and vitamin D chewable tablet

Your vet has prescribed calcichew for your pet. It provides extra calcium, plus vitamin D to help the body absorb it. When given with food, calcium also binds phosphate. 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 calcium, for example after thyroid or parathyroid surgery.
- Sometimes used to reduce phosphate absorption from food in pets with kidney disease.

How quickly does it work?

- It starts to raise calcium within hours to days, depending on how low levels were.

How do I give it?

- Give with food, exactly as the label says. Tablets can be crushed and mixed into food.
- If using it to control phosphate, give it with meals so it can bind to the food.
- Keep other medicines a couple of hours apart, as calcium can reduce how well they work.

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

- Constipation is the most common side effect.
- Too much calcium can cause increased thirst, vomiting or weakness.

Monitoring and check-ups

- Regular blood tests will check calcium and phosphate levels.
- After surgery, calcium may be checked every few days at first, then less often.

Important things to know

- Some human products contain sweeteners, like xylitol, that are poisonous to dogs. Only use the product we supply.
- 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 I buy these from a chemist?** Only use the product we supply. Some versions contain ingredients harmful to pets.
- **Is it needed forever?** Often not. Many pets can stop once their own glands recover.

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

- Your pet is twitching, trembling, restless, or has a seizure (signs of low calcium).
- Your pet is very thirsty, weak or vomiting repeatedly (signs of too much calcium).
- You think your pet (or anyone else) has taken too much.

Mango's Top Tip

Tiny twitches around the face or ears can be an early sign of low calcium. Keep an eye out, and call us if you spot them.