



Clopidogrel

Helps prevent blood clots

Your vet has prescribed clopidogrel for your pet. It stops platelets (tiny cells in the blood) from clumping together, making dangerous clots less likely. 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 the risk of blood clots, especially in cats with heart disease.
- Sometimes used in dogs with conditions that increase clotting.

How quickly does it work?

- It starts working within hours and reaches full effect in a few days.

How do I give it?

- Give with food, exactly as the label says.
- It tastes very bitter. For cats, putting the tablet in an empty gelatine capsule or pill pocket helps a lot.

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.
- If your pet vomits soon after a dose, call us before giving another.

Possible side effects

- Drooling or foaming if the taste gets out.
- Vomiting or reduced appetite.
- Rarely, bruising or bleeding.

Monitoring and check-ups

- Your vet will monitor the heart condition with regular check-ups and scans.

Important things to know

- Tell your vet before any surgery or dental work.
- Don't give with anti-inflammatory painkillers (NSAIDs) unless your vet says so.
- 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

- **Is it for life?** Usually, yes, while the clot risk remains.
- **Can my cat still have dental work?** Yes, but tell us first, as bleeding may be a little increased.

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

- **Your cat suddenly can't use their back legs, cries out in pain, or their legs feel cold.** This is an emergency.
- Your pet has difficulty breathing, unusual bleeding or bruising.
- You think your pet (or anyone else) has taken too much.

Mango's Top Tip

Ask us about empty gelatine capsules: the tablet goes in, the bitter taste stays locked away, and everyone's happier!