



Tramadol

Pain relief

Your vet has prescribed tramadol for your pet. It works in two ways: it attaches to pain-blocking receptors and raises levels of calming chemicals in the spinal cord. 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?

- Easing pain, such as after surgery or with long-term conditions, often alongside other painkillers.

How quickly does it work?

- It starts working within about an hour.

How do I give it?

- Give exactly as the label says, with or without food.
- Tablets are very bitter. Hide them well and never crush them for cats.

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, restlessness or panting.
- Constipation or vomiting.
- Cats may have large pupils or seem excited.

Monitoring and check-ups

- Your vet will review pain control and may combine or switch painkillers.

Important things to know

- Don't give with some behaviour medicines (like fluoxetine, sertraline, amitriptyline or trazodone) unless your vet says so.
- Tell your vet if your pet has seizures.
- 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

- **Is it strong enough on its own?** It's often used alongside other painkillers.
- **Why is my cat's pupil large?** This is a known effect. Tell us if your cat seems distressed.

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

- Your pet is very drowsy, confused, has a very fast heartbeat or trembles.
- Your pet has a seizure.
- You think your pet (or anyone else) has taken too much.

Mango's Top Tip

A comfy bed and quiet space help pain relief work its best. Rest is part of the recipe!