Vintage and Alexander-Wallace Veterinary Practice

Cisapride

Helps get the gut moving

Your vet has prescribed cisapride for your pet. It stimulates the muscles of the gut to squeeze more strongly, pushing food and stools along. 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 constipation and a sluggish bowel, especially megacolon in cats.
- Helping the stomach empty and reducing reflux.

How quickly does it work?

- It can start helping within a day or two.

How do I give it?

- Give about 15 to 30 minutes before a meal, exactly as the label says.
- It is specially made up for pets, so keep it as instructed, sometimes in the fridge.

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

- Diarrhoea or tummy cramps.
- Occasionally, reduced appetite.

Monitoring and check-ups

- Your vet will review stool quality and may combine it with diet changes or laxatives.

Important things to know

- Don't give with some antifungal medicines or antibiotics (like itraconazole or erythromycin) unless your vet has said so, as they can cause heart rhythm problems.
- Tell your vet if your pet has heart disease or a blocked bowel.
- 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

- **Why is it specially made?** It is no longer made as a licensed product, so it is prepared by a specialist pharmacy.
- **Can it be used long term?** Yes, many cats with megacolon take it for life.

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

- Your pet is straining without passing anything, or is vomiting.
- Your pet collapses or faints.
- You think your pet (or anyone else) has taken too much.

Mango's Top Tip

Hydration really helps constipation. Try wet food and a water fountain. Many cats can't resist running water!

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All Is Well

General guidance only, not a substitute for veterinary advice. Always follow the instructions on your pet's prescription label.