Vintage and Alexander-Wallace Veterinary Practice

Clemastine

An antihistamine for itchy skin and allergies

Your vet has prescribed clemastine for your pet. It blocks histamine, a chemical the body releases during allergic reactions that causes itching and swelling. 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 allergic skin disease and itching.
- Treating other allergic reactions.

How quickly does it work?

- It usually works within hours, but give it 1 to 2 weeks to judge the effect on itching.

How do I give it?

- Give exactly as the label says, usually with food.
- It may take a week or two to see if it helps your pet.

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

- Drowsiness, dry mouth or constipation.
- Occasionally, diarrhoea or excitement.

Monitoring and check-ups

- Your vet will review the itch and may try a different treatment if it isn't helping.

Important things to know

- Antihistamines work differently in every pet, so your vet may try more than one.
- Tell your vet if your pet has glaucoma or difficulty peeing.
- 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 doesn't it work for my pet?** Antihistamines help some pets more than others.
- **Can it be used with other itch treatments?** Often yes, if your vet agrees.

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

- Your pet's face swells or they have difficulty breathing.
- Your pet is very wobbly, agitated or has a seizure.
- You think your pet (or anyone else) has taken too much.

Mango's Top Tip

Keep up the regular flea treatment. Even one flea bite can set off an itchy pet!

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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.