

Clindamycin - Main

Clindamycin - Capsules (Cats)

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Clindamycin - Gel (Cats)

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Clindamycin - Injectable Solution (Cats)

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Clindamycin - Liquid Drops (Cats)

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Clindamycin - Pledget (Cats)

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Clindamycin - Tablet (Cats)

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Clindamycin - Topical Solution (Cats)

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CLINDAMYCIN

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

This drug is an antibiotic that fights bacterial infections. Clindamycin is available in many formulations: capsules, gel, injection, liquid, lotion, pledget, tablets and as a topical solution.

WHAT IS THIS DRUG?

A broad spectrum lincosamide antibiotic

Given by mouth, applied topically or by injection at your veterinarian's office

REASONS FOR PRESCRIBING:

To treat oral, deep skin and bone infections

WHAT DOGS/CATS SHOULD NOT BE GIVEN THIS MEDICATION?

Animals with allergies

Animals with liver or kidney disease

Animals that may be pregnant or nursing

Animals with a known hypersensitivity or allergy to this drug should not use this medication

DIRECTIONS:

Read and follow the prescription label carefully.

Use the exact amount prescribed and only as often as directed.

Discuss with your veterinarian if this medication is to be given with food.

Use this medication for as long as your veterinarian directs. Do not skip doses or stop using the medication without consulting your veterinarian.

Your veterinarian may recommend periodic blood work to assess the kidneys and liver if this medication is used for longer than 30 days.

Dose adjustments may be made based upon these results and an assessment of how your dog or cat is responding clinically.

This medication will take effect quickly, in about 1 to 2 hours, but its effects may not be visibly noticeable for a few days.

Call ahead for refills.

Ideally, use medication at the same time(s) daily.

WHAT IF A DOSE IS MISSED?

If a dose is missed, give it as soon as you can. If it is time already for the next dose, skip the missed dose and go back to the normal schedule. Do not give two doses at the same time.

WHAT TO TELL/ASK YOUR VETERINARIAN BEFORE GIVING THIS MEDICATION?

Talk to your veterinarian about:

When your pet will need to be rechecked

What tests may need to be performed prior to and during treatment with this drug

What are the risks and benefits of using this drug

Tell your veterinarian about:

If your pet has experienced side effects on other drugs/products

If your pet has experienced digestive upset now or ever

If your pet has experienced liver or kidney disease now or ever

If your pet has experienced any other medical problems or allergies now or ever

All medicines and supplements that you are giving your pet or plan to give your pet, including those you can get without a prescription. Your veterinarian may want to check that all of your pet's medications can be given together.

If your pet is pregnant, nursing or if you plan to breed your pet

STORAGE AND WARNINGS:

Clindamycin should be stored in a childproof container in a cool, dry place at room temperature away from heat and direct sunlight.

Keep this and all medication out of reach of children and pets.

Call your physician immediately if you accidentally take this product.

POTENTIAL SIDE EFFECTS:

This medication can affect the gastrointestinal system causing decreased appetite, vomiting, diarrhea and weight loss

If these symptoms persist or you notice anything else unusual, contact your veterinarian

This short-acting medication should stop working within 24 hours, although effects may last longer in pets with liver or kidney disease

CAN THIS DRUG BE USED WITH OTHER MEDICATIONS?

Yes, but possible interactions may occur when giving Clindamycin in conjunction with: chloramphenicol and erythromycin

Do not give new food or medications without first talking to your veterinarian

If your pet experiences any unusual reactions when taking multiple medications, contact your veterinarian

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I KNOW OF OR SUSPECT THERE HAS BEEN AN OVERDOSE?

Contact your veterinarian immediately if your pet receives more than the prescribed amount.

WHAT ELSE SHOULD I KNOW?

Notify your veterinarian if your animal's condition does not improve or worsens despite this treatment.

As with all prescribed medicines, Clindamycin should only be used by the pet for which it was prescribed. It should be used only for the condition for which it was prescribed.

This is just a summary of information about Clindamycin. If you have any questions or concerns about Clindamycin or the condition for which it was prescribed, please contact your veterinarian.