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FLUCONAZOLE

Why has my veterinarian prescribed this medicine?

Your veterinarian has prescribed fluconazole to treat ringworm or other fungal infections.

How do I give this medication?

- Give this medication to your pet as directed by your veterinarian. **READ THE LABEL CAREFULLY.**
- Give this medication for as long as prescribed by your veterinarian, even if it appears that the pet is feeling better. This will help to ensure the infection is completely cleared up.
- **DO NOT** give the pet more medicine than directed.
- **DO NOT** give the medicine more often than directed.
- Try not to miss giving any doses.
- Fluconazole may be given with or without food.



What if I miss giving a dose?

Give the dose as soon as possible. If it is almost time for the next dose, skip the missed dose, and continue with the regular schedule. Do not give the pet two doses at once.

How do I store this medicine?

- Keep this medicine out of reach of children.
- Store capsules and tablets in a cool, dry place at room temperature. Store away from heat and direct sunlight.
- Do not store this medicine in the bathroom, near the kitchen sink or in other damp places. The medicine may break down if exposed to heat or moisture.

What are the potential side effects?

- This medication may cause liver problems and rarely skin problems. Contact your veterinarian if you notice a rash or if your pet has lost its appetite and is tired.
- Other side effects may occur. If you notice anything unusual, contact your veterinarian.

Are there any possible drug interactions?

- Make sure to **tell your veterinarian** what other medication or supplements you are giving your pet.
- Quite often your veterinarian may prescribe two different medications, even if a drug interaction may be anticipated. In this case, your veterinarian may vary the dose and/or monitor your pet more closely.
- The following drugs can potentially interact with fluconazole: amphotericin B, warfarin, rifampin, oral anti-diabetic agents, phenytoin, and cyclosporine.

- **Contact your veterinarian** if your pet experiences any unusual reactions when different medications are given together.

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