

CLIENT INFORMATION LEAFLET

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Frusol syrup

- **Keep this leaflet safe, as you may need to refer to it again.**
- **Please ask your vet or veterinary nurse if you have any further questions.**
- **This medicine has been prescribed for your pet ONLY. Do not take it yourself or give it to another person or any other animal; it may harm them even if their symptoms appear to be the same.**

What is Frusol syrup?

Frusol syrup contains furosemide which belongs to a group of drugs called diuretics. These drugs increase fluid excretion from the body.

Why has my pet been prescribed Frusol?

Vets use Frusol syrup most commonly to manage signs of fluid on the lungs, usually due to heart disease. It can also be used to decrease the calcium level in the blood.

How should I store Frusol syrup?

Frusol syrup should be stored at room temperature and protected from light and freezing. For safety, **all medicines should be kept out of the reach and sight of children.**

How do I give Frusol syrup to my pet?

The medication should be given by mouth. Most pets will take the liquid from the syringe, or in some strongly flavoured food.

How long will my pet need to take Frusol syrup?

Your vet will tell you how long you need to administer the Frusol syrup for. This medication can be given short term or lifelong.

What should I do if I run out of Frusol syrup?

Try to avoid running out of Frusol syrup. If you run out of medication you should contact your vet who has a good understanding of your pet's conditions and the reasons for prescribing Frusol syrup.

What should I do if I miss a dose?

If you miss a dose you can either give the dose straight away and re-establish the correct dosing intervals or wait until the next dose is due. **DO NOT** give a double dose to make up for the missed dose.

What should I do if my pet is accidentally given too many doses?

Contact your vet immediately for advice.

Overdoses can cause serious kidney damage and could warrant prompt presentation to a vet.

Can my pet take Frusol syrup if I am already giving them other medications?

Tell your vet if you are giving your pet other medications. This includes herbal or off-the-shelf remedies from a pet shop or pharmacy. Frusol syrup and non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medications should not be given concurrently.

What are the possible side effects of Frusol syrup for my pet?

Frusol can cause increased thirst and urination. Your pet may drink and urinate a lot more than usual while on this medication. The salt levels in the body can also be affected. Other side effects are uncommon if your pet is eating and drinking normally. Ototoxicity (impaired hearing) has been reported in cats as well as gastrointestinal disturbance, hematologic effects (anaemia, low white blood cell count), weakness and restlessness.

What should I do if my pet is unwell while taking Frusol syrup?

Contact your vet as soon as possible.

What should I do if a person accidentally takes this medication?

If a person accidentally takes the medication you should go to a local hospital or contact a local doctor immediately and take the medication or empty container with you.

Whom do I contact if I want to know more?

If you have any questions about this drug, or concerns about your pet's health, contact your own vet. They will know your pet's medical history and further information on Frusol syrup.

The Prescribing Cascade

This medicine is authorized for use in human patients and is used by vets under the 'prescribing cascade'. The medicine is not authorized by the Veterinary Medicines Directorate (VMD), an executive agency of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), for use in dogs/cats/pets. Your vet can explain the 'prescribing cascade' in further detail to you and also explain why they are prescribing this drug for your pet. You will be asked to sign a consent form stating that you understand the reasons that the drug is being prescribed and its possible complications, before the treatment is issued.

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