

Metronidazole (Flagyl®)

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Metronidazole is an antibiotic and antiprotozoal medication used in dogs, cats, and other pets. It is used to treat diarrheal diseases, certain bacterial infections, *Giardia* infections, and inflammatory bowel disease (IBD). The tablets have a very bitter taste. The dose varies widely based on the condition being treated. Metronidazole can cause birth defects in some species. Contact your veterinarian if your pet experiences loss of appetite, vomiting, diarrhea, depression, weakness, blood in the urine, head tilt, disorientation, stumbling, or jaundice (yellowing of the gums, skin, or whites of the eyes) while being treated with metronidazole.

Keep this and all other medications out of the reach of children and pets.

If you think your pet has been poisoned...

Contact your veterinarian or one of the Animal Poison Hotlines (listed below) if you think your pet may have accidentally received or been given an overdose of the medication.

**ASPCA National Animal Poison Control Center

1-888-4ANI-HELP (1-888-426-4435). \$65.00 per case, billed to caller's credit card.

Follow-up calls can be made for no additional charge by dialing 888-299-2973.

There is no charge when the call involves a product covered by the Animal Product Safety Service.

**Pet Poison Helpline - 24-hour service available throughout North America for pet owners and veterinary professionals who require assistance with treating a potentially poisoned pet.

1-800-213-6680 (\$35.00 per incident). Staffed 24-hours a day.

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