



Cardiology Northwest

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FUROSEMIDE (DISAL, LASIX, SALIX)

Why has the doctor prescribed this medication?

Furosemide is a diuretic. It is used to help reduce the amount of water in your pet's body by increasing the flow of urine. This often relieves signs of fluid retention such as coughing, difficulty breathing and abdominal distension. Since this medication can affect the kidneys regular exams with blood work are needed.

How do I give this medication?

- Give this medication to your pet as directed by the doctor. **READ THE LABEL CAREFULLY.**
- This medication begins to work within one to two hours and lasts about six hours.
- To avoid nighttime indoor urination, you may give this medication as close as six hours apart early in the day.
- If signs of fluid retention, such as difficulty breathing, occur you may give an extra dose of this medication.
- Try to give this medication at about the same time(s) each day.
- Try not to miss giving any doses.
- DO NOT stop giving this medication without first consulting with the doctor.

What do I do if I miss giving a dose?

Give the dose as soon as possible. It is best to give the total daily dose rather than to skip the medication.

Potential side effects

Notify us or your regular veterinarian if your pet has symptoms of excessive thirst, diminished urination in relation to fluid intake, drowsiness, weakness or restlessness. Other side effects may occur so if you notice anything unusual please contact us or your regular veterinarian.

Possible drug interactions

- Make sure to tell us what other medication you are giving to your pet.
- The doctor may prescribe two different medications, and a drug interaction may be anticipated. In this case, he may vary the dose and/or monitor your pet more closely.
- The following drugs can potentially interact with Furosemide: Theophylline, Amino glycoside antibiotics, corticosteroids, Amphotericin B, Aspirin, Tubocurarine, Succinylcholine, Probenecid, Sulfinpyrazone and insulin.
- Contact us if your pet experiences any unusual reactions when different medications are given together.