



# Cardiology Northwest

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## MEXILETINE HYDROCHLORIDE (MEXITIL)

### Why has the doctor prescribed this medication?

Mexiletine works to correct an irregular heart beat to a normal rhythm.

### How do I give this medication?

- Give this medication to your pet as directed by the doctor. **READ THE LABEL CAREFULLY.**
- Try to give this medication at about the same time(s) each day. You can approximate every 8 hours by giving it first thing in the morning, as soon as you are home and just before bed.
- DO NOT give your pet more medication than directed.
- DO NOT give the medication more often than directed.
- 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. If it is almost time for the next dose, skip the missed dose and continue with the regular schedule. Do not give your pet two doses at once. Contact us if you miss giving doses two or more days in a row. The shortest time between doses should be 6 hours; the longest should be 12 hours.

### Potential side effects

Notify us or your regular veterinarian if your pet has symptoms of vomiting, poor appetite, weakness or low blood pressure. 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 Mexiletine: other anti-arrhythmic agents, Cimetidine, urinary pH medications, Theophylline, Phenobarbital, Metoclopramide and antacids.
- Contact us if your pet experiences any unusual reactions when different medications are given together.