



# Cardiology Northwest

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## PIMOBENDAN (VETMEDIN)

### Why has the doctor prescribed this medication?

Pimobendan is for use in dogs with Congestive Heart Failure originating from Dilated Cardiomyopathy or Chronic Valvular Disease. It works by dilating blood vessels and improving the contraction strength of the heart.

### 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.
- 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.

### Potential side effects

Notify us or your regular veterinarian if your pet has symptoms of vomiting, diarrhea, decreased appetite, weakness or anxiousness. 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.
- Beta-blockers and calcium-channel blockers can sometimes decrease the effects of Pimobendan.
- Contact us if your pet experiences any unusual reactions when different medications are given together.