

# Lactulose

## **What is lactulose used to treat?**

Lactulose is a generic drug for Cephulac®. It is a disaccharide (sugar) laxative that acts as a stool softener that helps to treat constipation. Also, it is used as an ammonia reducer which reduces blood ammonia levels during liver dysfunction.

## **What are the side effects of lactulose on cats or dogs?**

The most common side effects include digestive upset include diarrhea, bloating, gas, and abdominal cramping. If you suspect any side effects, overdose, or an adverse reaction to lactulose, call your vet office immediately or [A.S.P.C.A.'s Animal Poison Control Center](#) at 888.426.4435. A change in dose or medication may be warranted based on the determination of the veterinarian.

## **How do I know if I need lactulose to treat my cat or dog?**

Some signs of constipation that can be displayed in your pet include the following: disinterest in play, discomfort, painful and difficult defecation, mucus and blood with stool, lethargy, stiffness, and trouble walking.

Some signs of high ammonia and liver dysfunction and other types of cancer that can be displayed in your pet include the following:  
loss of appetite, vomiting, stomach ulceration, diarrhea, fever, blood clotting problems, jaundice, abdominal swelling,

## **Where can I get lactulose to treat my cat or dog?**

Lactulose can be obtained at a veterinary clinic or compounding pharmacy. You will need a valid prescription from your veterinarian if you plan to fill the medication at the pharmacy. Professional Arts Pharmacy has the medication in stock, and we offer local pickup in Ellicott City, Maryland. If you reside in other states, your medication can be shipped and delivered within 1-2 days from the day of ordering. If you have questions about ordering this medication, please give us a call at 443-200-1200 or visit our website at [www.WeMakeMeds.com](http://www.WeMakeMeds.com).

Disclaimer: Not intended to be a replacement for professional veterinarian advice, diagnosis, or treatment. Always seek the advice of your veterinarian with any questions you may have regarding the medical condition of your pet. If you believe your pet has a medical emergency, call, or visit your vet office or your local veterinary emergency hospital immediately.