

Methimazole

What is methimazole used to treat?

Methimazole is a generic drug for Tapazole®. It is an antithyroid drug. It is FDA-approved for the treatment of hyperthyroidism in cats. Hyperthyroidism is a condition in which too much thyroid hormone is produced. It is the drug of choice for the treatment of overactive thyroid. It will not cure the condition but will manage it if given for the rest of the pet life.

Methimazole may be also used to protect the kidneys in dogs that are receiving cisplatin chemotherapy.

What are the side effects of methimazole on cats or dogs?

Adverse effects usually occur within the first three months of treatment. The most common side effects are anorexia, and tiredness, upset of the digestive tract that includes vomiting, nausea, and loss of appetite.

If you suspect any side effects, overdose, or an adverse reaction to methimazole, call your vet office immediately or [A.S.P.C.A.'s Animal Poison Control Center](http://www.aspc.org) 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 methimazole to treat my cat or dog?

Some signs of hyperthyroidism that can be displayed in your pet include the following: weight loss, increased appetite, hyperactivity, diarrhea, and increased thirst and urination

Where can I get methimazole to treat my cat or dog?

Methimazole 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.

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.