

Furosemide

What is furosemide used to treat?

Furosemide is a generic drug for Lasix®. It is a loop diuretic used to treat conditions such as congestive heart failure and lung fluid retention. Furosemide is FDA approved for use in dogs, cats, and horses to treat fluid retention or edema and to prevent fluid build-up in the lungs or abdomen. Also, it can be used to help in the treatment of high blood potassium and high blood pressure.

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

The most common side effects are an increase in urination, dehydration, and electrolyte disturbances that may cause signs of difficulty breathing, uneven heart rate, lethargy, muscle weakness, muscle pain, and seizures.

If you suspect any side effects, overdose, or an adverse reaction to furosemide, call your vet office immediately or [A.S.P.C.A.'s Animal Poison Control Center](https://www.aspcapet.org/animal-poison-control) 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 Furosemide to treat my cat or dog?

Some signs of congestive heart failure that can be displayed in your pet include the following: coughing, constant panting, struggling to breathe, refusal to exercise, getting fatigued more easily on walks or during play, and weakness.

Some signs of lung fluid retention that can be displayed in your pet include the following: coughing, difficulty breathing, crackling noises when taking a breath, open mouth breathing, and wheezing.

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

Furosemide 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.