

# Amlodipine

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

Amlodipine is a generic drug for Norvasc®. It is a calcium channel blocker that is used in dogs and cats to treat high blood pressure. It helps to prevent further complications and damage to the kidneys, eyes, and brain. According to many studies, amlodipine regulates high blood pressure and can improve a pet's quality of life.

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

Side effects in cats may include diarrhea, vomiting, lack of appetite, or sleepiness. Side effects in dogs may include Gingival hyperplasia which means the gum of the mouth overgrows so that it creates extra space for bacteria and infection. Serious side effects include a very low or very fast heart rate, collapse, severe weakness, changes in urination, limb swelling, or abnormal bleeding. If you suspect any side effects, overdose, or an adverse reaction to amlodipine, 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 amlodipine to treat my cat or dog?**

Some signs of high blood pressure that can be displayed in your pet include the following: seizures, disorientation, blindness, heart murmurs, dilated pupils or retinal detachment, hemorrhage of the eye, blood in the urine, bleeding from the nose, and weakness in either both sides or on one side of the body or in the legs

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

Amlodipine 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.