

# Prazosin

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

Prazosin is a generic drug for Minipress®. It is an alpha-1 adrenergic blocker that is used to help treat high blood pressure, congestive heart failure, and spasms of the urethra. Prazosin causes the small blood vessels to relax (vasodilation). This makes it easier for blood to circulate, decreasing blood pressure and the workload on the heart.

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

The most common side effects include dizziness loss of consciousness or even fainting when your animal first stands up. Other side effects are related to the digestive tract including vomiting, diarrhea, or constipation.

If you suspect any side effects, overdose, or an adverse reaction to prazosin, 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 prazosin to treat my cat or dog?**

Some signs of high blood pressure that can be displayed in your pet include 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 one side of the body or the legs

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

Prazosin 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.