

Cyclosporine

What does cyclosporine use to treat?

Cyclosporine is a generic drug for Neoral® and Atopica®. It is an immunosuppressant (calcineurin inhibitor) that is used to treat allergies or other inflammatory conditions including autoimmune diseases and organ transplantation in dogs and cats. The FDA has approved Cyclosporine for use in cats to control feline allergic dermatitis as manifested by scratches, blotches, sores, inflammation, and alopecia. Also, oral cyclosporine is approved in dogs only for the treatment of atopic dermatitis, but some studies showed that is effective for the treatment of anal furunculosis, inflammatory bowel disease, and other conditions caused by an overactive immune system.

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

Adverse effects include temporary stomach or intestinal upset in some pets. This may include nausea, not eating, vomiting, loose stools, or diarrhea. These effects usually disappear after you give the medication for a few days or a couple of weeks.

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

Some signs of immune system suppression that can be displayed in your pet include the following: abnormal swelling that persists or continues to grow, sores that do not heal, unexplained weight loss, loss of appetite, and pale gums.

Other signs may include:

- Difficulty eating or swallowing.
- Bleeding or discharge from any opening such as the nose or mouth.
- Bad odor, especially from the mouth.
- Difficulty breathing, urinating, or defecating.

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

Cyclosporine 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.