

# Treating Your Cat or Dog

## Using Metronidazole



### About this medication

Your cat or dog's bacterial infection or giardiasis is being treated with metronidazole (also called Flagyl® or Ayradia®).



### Giving this medication to your cat or dog

- Give as prescribed and follow the instructions provided by your pet's veterinarian.
- Give with food to reduce side effects.
- If you miss a dose, give the next dose as scheduled.



### Side effects and drug interactions

- Side effects include upset stomach, lack of appetite, and nausea. Your cat or dog may vomit or have diarrhea.
- Nervous system side effects (such as behavior changes or difficulty walking) can occur in some cats or dogs treated with metronidazole, especially if treated at higher doses or patient's with liver disease.
- If you have any concerns, contact your pet's veterinarian.



### Storing this medication

- Tablets: Store at room temperature in a cool, dry place away from heat or direct sunlight.
- Liquid: Check instructions for storing the medication. Some formulations require refrigeration and others may not. Shake well before giving it to your cat or dog.



### Using antibiotics safely

Antibiotic resistance happens when germs develop the ability to defeat the drugs designed to kill them. This includes bacteria developing antibiotic resistance to prescribed medications. Using antibiotics safely minimizes the risk of bacteria developing resistance.

- Discard any unused or expired medication. You can find safe places to dispose of unneeded medication at [www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/opioids/permanent-drug-drop-boxes.htm](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/opioids/permanent-drug-drop-boxes.htm).
- Visit [www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/antimicrobial-stewardship/patient-resources.htm](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/antimicrobial-stewardship/patient-resources.htm) for more information on using antibiotics safely.

