

# Treating Your Cat or Dog

## Using Clindamycin



### About this medication

Your cat or dog's bacterial infection or toxoplasmosis is being treated with clindamycin (also called Antirobe® or Cleocin®).



### 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, especially to reduce the risk of esophageal irritation or stricture formation (throat irritation or swelling).
- 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.
- Oral administration should be followed by water or food to prevent esophagitis (throat swelling) or esophageal stricture formation. Cats should be given a liquid formulation to avoid throat swelling or esophageal stricture formation.
- 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: Store refrigerated and 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.

- Do not save any unused medications.
- 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.

