

Treating Your Cat or Dog

Using Cephalexin



About this medication

Your cat or dog's bacterial infection is being treated with cephalexin (also called Keflex® or Rilexine®).



Giving this medication to your cat or dog

- Give it to your cat or dog exactly as prescribed. 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.
- Monitor your cat or dog for possible allergic reactions.
- 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 in a refrigerator 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.
- Visit www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/antimicrobial-stewardship/patient-resources.htm for more information on using antibiotics safely.

