

# DOCTORS FOSTER<sup>and</sup>SMITH<sup>®</sup> PHARMACY

## Patient Information Sheet

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For questions or to consult with a pharmacist, call 1-800-447-3021 Mon-Fri from 9am-6pm CST and Sat from 9am-1pm CST. If you have an emergency situation, please contact your local veterinarian immediately.

## Fluconazole

(Diflucan)

### Common Drug Name

Fluconazole

### Common Brand Names

Diflucan

### Storage

Store in a tight, light resistant, childproof container. Oral liquids should be refrigerated and shaken well before each use. Discard after the expiration date listed on the container.

### Uses

Fluconazole is used for the treatment of serious fungal infections, especially of the central nervous system. It is also used to treat yeast infections of the skin, and ringworm. It is used in multiple species including dogs, cats, horses, rabbits, rodents, and birds.

### Dose and Administration

Always follow the dosage instructions provided by your veterinarian. If you have difficulty giving the medication, contact your veterinarian.

Dose and frequency of administration depends upon the disease and response to treatment. It may be necessary to treat for several months, and may take one or two weeks to start seeing improvement.

If you miss a dose, give it as soon as you remember. If it is almost time for the next dose, skip the one you missed and go back to the regular schedule. Do not give 2 doses at once.

This medication should only be given to the pet for whom it was prescribed.

### Possible Side Effects

May see loss of appetite, vomiting, liver toxicity (jaundice - yellowing of the gums, skin, or eyes), depression, tiredness, anemia (pale gums and mucous membranes), or a skin rash. Consult your veterinarian immediately if you see any of these signs.

If your pet experiences an allergic reaction to the medication, signs may include facial swelling, hives, scratching, sudden onset of diarrhea, vomiting, shock, seizures, pale gums, cold limbs, or coma. If you observe any of these signs, contact your veterinarian immediately.

### Precautions

Not for use in animals hypersensitive (allergic) to it or to similar products.

Not for use in animals with liver disease.

Not recommended for use in pregnant animals unless the benefits outweigh the risks.

Use with caution in animals with kidney failure.

Consult with your veterinarian on the need to monitor liver enzymes during treatment and for necessary physical examinations and other laboratory testing prior to and during treatment with fluconazole.

### Drug, Food, and Test Interactions

Notify your veterinarian of any other medications, including vitamins and supplements, your pet is taking while your pet is receiving fluconazole.

Consult your veterinarian before using fluconazole with hypoglycemic agents (such as glipizide and chlorpropamide), warfarin or other anticoagulants (blood thinners), amphotericin B and rifampin, phenytoin and cyclosporine, since interactions may occur.

### Signs of Toxicity/Overdose

May see signs similar to those under side effects.

If you know or suspect your pet has had an overdose, or if you observe any unusual signs, symptoms, or behaviors in your pet, contact your veterinarian immediately.

*Keep this and all other medications out of the reach of children and pets.*