Latanoprost Ophthalmic
(Xalatan)

**Common Drug Name**
Latanoprost

**Common Brand Names**
Xalatan

No generic products are available.

**Storage**
Store in the refrigerator in a tight, light resistant, childproof container.

**Uses**
Latanoprost decreases the pressure in the eye. It is used in the eye for treatment of glaucoma.

**Dose and Administration**
Always follow the dosage instructions provided by your veterinarian. If you have difficulty applying the medication, contact your veterinarian.

If discharge is present, the area should be cleansed with a sterile eyewash solution prior to applying the ointment or solution.

Shake the solution well before using. Place one hand under and around your pet’s chin and lift upward, so the pet’s eyes are looking towards the ceiling. Rest your other hand, holding the bottle, on top of the pet’s head. Be sure the tip of the bottle is pointed away from your pet’s eye so if your pet jerks, the tip will not injure the eye. Hold the bottle about one inch from the eye. Squeeze the drops into the corner of the eye, taking care not to touch the dropper to the eye surface. Continue to hold the head back for a moment while the drops disperse over the whole eye surface.

Never touch the tip dropper to the pet’s eye, lids, or eyelashes. Do not touch the inside of the cap or the dropper or tube tip with your fingers, as this will also contaminate the medication.

Always wash your hands before and after applying this medication.

If you are applying more than one medication to the eye, allow 5 minutes between applications so one medication is not washed out by the next. Be sure not to interchange the caps of the medications.

Do not give more often than prescribed, or it may stop working.

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 sting when placed in the eye. May cause redness around the eye and inner surfaces of the eyelids. May also cause the pupil (the black part of the eye) to become smaller. Consult your veterinarian if you notice any of the above side effects.

May darken the color of the iris in brown-eyed animals. (The iris is the colored portion of the eye surrounding the pupil.)

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 latanoprost or similar medications.

Do not use in pregnant or lactating animals (female animals nursing their young).

Consult with your veterinarian regarding eye examinations and laboratory testing necessary prior to and during treatment with latanoprost.

**Human Precautions**
CAUTION: Latanoprost can be absorbed through the skin. Pregnant women, or women trying to become pregnant, should avoid contact with latanoprost.

**Drug, Food, and Test Interactions**
Consult your veterinarian before using latanoprost with any other medications, including vitamins and supplements, since interactions may occur.

**Signs of Toxicity/Overdose**
If the pupil becomes very small, or there is severe redness of the eye, contact your veterinarian immediately.

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