



## AMITRIPTYLINE (a mee trip ti leen)

Your pet has been prescribed a prescription medication. This guide provides you with general information about the medicine.

Other names for this medicine: Elavil

Why does my pet need this medicine?

Amitriptyline is a tricyclic antidepressant. It is used to help treat anxiety, itching (pruritis), nerve pain, behavior disorders, chronic bladder pain, or as determined by your veterinarian.

How and when do I give the medicine to my pet?

- Always follow the doctor's directions. Give the medicine as directed. Use it only as prescribed. See the medicine label for specific instructions.
- The effects of the medicine may not be noted for several weeks.
- Store medicine at room temperature.
- Tablets: Give in a small amount of food or directly by mouth.
- To give the medicine directly by mouth:
  - Hold the medicine in your dominant hand. Use your other hand to open your Pet's mouth. With your thumb on one side of your Pet's jaw and fingers on the other, grasp your Pet's muzzle (dogs) or head (cats) from above and tilt the head upward.
  - For tablets: Quickly place the tablet in the back of the mouth.
  - Close your Pet's mouth and lower the head to a normal position.
  - Give your Pet plenty of praise, and if possible, a treat.

What side effects may occur?

Side effects may include sedation and vomiting. Dogs may also experience diarrhea. Cats may also experience excess salivation, inability to urinate, loss of appetite, difficulty walking, unkempt hair coat, and disorientation

When should I call my veterinarian?

Call if any side effects occur, before stopping the medicine, or if the symptoms persist. Schedule follow-up visits as directed. Your Pet will typically require blood work and/or other diagnostic tests to check his or her response to the plan of care.

Please note:

Call for the refill 4-5 days before the last dose.

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