



# Mar Vista Animal Medical Center

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## **CIPROFLOXACIN** **(Brand Name: Cipro)**

**STRENGTH:** 100 mg, 250 mg, 500 mg,  
750 mg & 1000 mg Tablets

**ROUTE OF ADMINISTRATION:** ORAL. Best given without food and separated from administration of medications or supplements containing calcium, magnesium or aluminum as these will interfere with absorption (which is already somewhat unpredictable in animals).

**ACTION OF MEDICATION:** Inhibits DNA Gyrase so as to interfere with bacterial DNA's ability to properly uncoil for protein coding. Mammal DNA Gyrase is of a different shape and is not affected.

**MOST COMMON SIDE EFFECTS REPORTED:** Vomiting, diarrhea and appetite loss are the most common side effects. These are generally minor and can be mitigated by giving the medication with a small amount of food.

**SEVERE SIDE EFFECTS REPORTED:** Can stimulate seizures in animals predisposed to having seizures. Interferes with cartilage development in dogs and is best not used in pregnant dogs or in growing young puppies.

**STORAGE:** Keep away from light and store at room temperature. Do not refrigerate.

**IF YOU MISS A DOSE:** Do not double up on the next dose. Simply give the medication when it is remembered or pick up with the next dose, allowing at least the proper interval between doses according to the label instructions.

**OTHER INFORMATION:** Several drug interactions are possible. See link below for details.

For a more detailed presentation, visit:

<https://www.marvistavet.com/ciprofloxacin.pml>