



# Mar Vista Animal Medical Center

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## **METRONIDAZOLE** **(Brand Name: Flagyl)**

**STRENGTH:** 250 mg and 500 mg Tablets;  
375mg Capsuels

**ROUTE OF ADMINISTRATION:** ORAL  
Best given with food. Tastes bitter.

**ACTION OF MEDICATION:** Antibiotic for single-cell parasites, anaerobic bacteria. Also has anti-inflammatory properties in large intestine so widely used to treat diarrhea.

**MOST COMMON SIDE EFFECTS REPORTED:** Nausea, appetite reduction, vomiting. These effects are generally rare and mild.

**SEVERE SIDE EFFECTS REPORTED:** With higher doses or long term use, neurologic symptoms can result (incoordination, back and forth eye movements). Seizures are possible. Bone marrow suppression (neutropenia) has been reported. Neurologic side effects appear dose related but other reactions are very rare.

**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:** Dose reduction is needed for liver disease.

For a more detailed presentation, visit:

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