



# Mar Vista Animal Medical Center

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## **TRAMADOL** **(Brand Name: Ultram)**

**STRENGTH:** 50 mg

**ROUTE OF ADMINISTRATION:** ORAL

May be given with or without food.

This medication is famous for its bitter taste.

**ACTION OF MEDICATION:** Tramadol is metabolized into the "M1 metabolite" which acts as a narcotic pain reliever with additional antianxiety effects. Dogs do not make the M1 metabolite but cats do.

**MOST COMMON SIDE EFFECTS REPORTED:** Sedation, constipation, vomiting (mild or limited), dilated pupils.

**SEVERE SIDE EFFECTS REPORTED:** Seizures (have been reported in humans), respiratory suppression, severe mental disorientation/drunkenness.

**STORAGE:** Keep away from light and store at room temperature. This is a controlled substance so it should be locked up accordingly.

**IF YOU MISS A DOSE:** Do not double up on the next dose. Give the next dose as scheduled.

**OTHER INFORMATION:** Drug interactions with numerous other medications. Be sure your veterinarian knows your pets medications, flea products, and supplements as any of these could be relevant.

For a more detailed presentation, visit:

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