



# Imepitoin - Owner information sheet

**Seizures are caused by abnormal electrical discharges from nerve cells in the brain. Imepitoin suppresses seizure activity by inhibiting the activity of these cells.**

## **How much imepitoin should my dog have?**

The starting dose is normally 10-30 milligrams (mg) for every kilogram (kg) body weight twice daily. The starting dose is usually 10mg/kg twice daily to control seizure i.e. a 30kg Golden Retriever will receive 300mg twice daily. In some cases your vet will build up slowly to this dose usually over a number of weeks.

The dose required to control seizures varies greatly between individuals. Every dog breaks down and gets rid of the drug at a different rate. Imepitoin must be given every 12 hours otherwise the concentration of drug in the blood may dip making your pet more prone to seizures. Imepitoin is best given on an empty stomach. What is most important is that it is given at a regular time each day so that doses are never forgotten.

## **What side effects can imepitoin cause?**

Imepitoin is usually really well tolerated by dogs and most dogs suffer no ill effects from the doses they are prescribed.

## **Increased appetite and drinking**

Occasionally you will notice your dog wanting to eat and drink more when on imepitoin however these changes are usually mild.

## **Gastrointestinal signs**

Some dogs have shown signs of vomiting and diarrhea but this is very rare. Any signs usually resolve within 24 hours once the drug is stopped.