

Mirtazapine

(Mirataz (c), Zispin) POM-V, POM

- **Client Information Leaflet:** [Mirtazapine](#)
- **Formulations**

Oral: 15 mg tablets, 15 mg/ml solution. Topical: 20 mg/g transdermal ointment.

- **Action**

Tetracyclic antidepressant that acts on central alpha-2 receptors, increasing noradrenaline levels within the brain. Also inhibits several types of serotonin and histamine (H1) receptors.

- **Use**

- Appetite stimulation. Efficacy in cats with stable chronic kidney disease has been demonstrated.
- Antiemetic role in conjunction with other drugs, but authorized preparations should be used.
- Anecdotal evidence beginning to appear concerning its use in the management of anxiety in dogs, including those being treated with antiepileptic medication, but no controlled studies published.

Monitor animal carefully, particularly if there is also cardiac, hepatic or renal disease.

- **DOSES**

- **Dogs** 1.1–1.3 mg/kg p.o. q24h (do not exceed 30 mg total dose per day).
- **Cats** 2 mg/cat p.o. or administered topically on inner pinna of ear q24–48h.