

How to give your cat Thiamacare®

Thiamacare should be given directly into your cat's mouth, twice a day (morning and evening).

Many cats will take liquids directly from the syringe with no fuss. Other cats are a little more nervous however, so the best thing you can do is remain calm and confident while following these steps*:

- 1 Fill the Thiamacare dosing syringe with the correct dose and make sure that it is within easy reach
- 2 Gently but securely hold your cat, or get someone else to
- 3 Hold your cat's head with your hand behind their ears and gently tilt their head backwards
- 4 Introduce the dosing syringe into the corner of your cat's mouth and squeeze the contents into their mouth. Be careful to avoid getting any of the liquid on your skin or in your mouth.
- 5 Keep your cat's head tilted back and gently stroke their throat to encourage swallowing
- 6 Wipe the syringe tip with a tissue and immediately dispose of the tissue
- 7 Wash your hands with soap and water

Don't hesitate to contact your vet if you have any trouble giving your cat Thiamacare – they will be happy to advise further.



*It is important that if you are pregnant, think you may be pregnant or are attempting to conceive, you should not administer the product or handle the litter/vomit of treated cats.

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To be completed by your vet at each visit

Date	Weight	Notable symptoms	tT4 value (nmol/l)	Thiamacare dose (mg) and how often	Date of next re-check

Have they had their dose?

Use the chart below to record when you have given your cat their dose of Thiamacare each day

Day	Week 1		Week 2		Week 3	
1	am	pm	am	pm	am	pm
2	am	pm	am	pm	am	pm
3	am	pm	am	pm	am	pm
4	am	pm	am	pm	am	pm
5	am	pm	am	pm	am	pm
6	am	pm	am	pm	am	pm
7	am	pm	am	pm	am	pm

Remember, we are always here to help if you have any questions or concerns:

Practice contact details



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Thiamacare® - The stronger hyperthyroidism solution



MANAGING FELINE HYPERTHYROIDISM



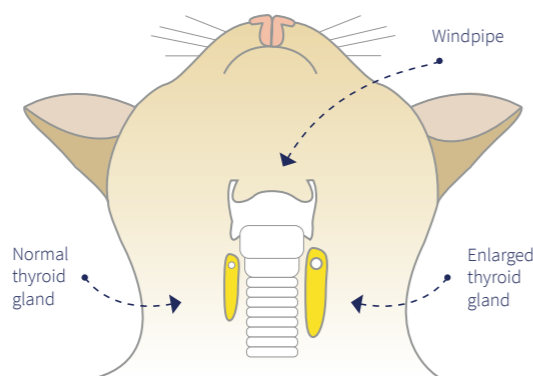
What is hyperthyroidism?

Hyperthyroidism in cats is common, particularly as they get older. The condition causes distinct symptoms that include:

- weight loss, despite a huge appetite
- increased vocalisation (meowing)
- strange, often 'manic' behaviour
- a scruffy coat

The condition is caused when a gland in the neck, called the thyroid, produces excessive amounts of thyroid hormones – 'hyper-' means 'over' or 'excess'.

These hormones regulate metabolism; how fast the body uses energy. When thyroid hormone levels increase, the associated increase in metabolism generates the symptoms associated with hyperthyroidism.



Occasionally, enlargement of the thyroid gland can be felt through the skin. This is called 'goitre'.

How is hyperthyroidism treated?

The only way to treat hyperthyroidism permanently is to surgically remove the thyroid gland(s) or use radioactive iodine to destroy the abnormal thyroid cells. These methods come with their own risks and inconveniences

however, so many cat owners opt instead to manage their cat's condition with medication. Almost all cases of feline hyperthyroidism can be successfully managed with medication.

Daily dosing with Thiamacare reduces the levels of thyroid hormones circulating in your cat's blood and then keeps them within normal levels. This then usually completely reverses the symptoms associated with hyperthyroidism.

What to expect following diagnosis

Your cat will have been diagnosed with hyperthyroidism due to a combination of the signs that they are showing and a blood test that measures one of the thyroid hormones – T4. This blood test will also be used to monitor your cat's response to treatment over time.

Your cat will probably have been assessed for other things too, including their kidney function, heart and general health. This is because cats with hyperthyroidism can often have other conditions, such as kidney and heart disease. It also allows a 'baseline' of your cat's health to be measured ahead of starting treatment.

Starting treatment

Your vet will have recommended a starting dose of Thiamacare for your cat – usually 2.5 mg, twice daily (morning and evening) unless your vet advises otherwise

Starting dose:

Thiamacare should be given directly into your cat's mouth, using the dosing syringe provided and you should medicate your cat at the same times every day.

Monitor your cat carefully for any change in their original signs of hyperthyroidism, as well as any new signs of health problems. Contact your vet if you are worried or are having difficulty giving your cat Thiamacare.

Stabilisation

Your cat will be checked regularly (see the table on the back page for your next check) to assess their response to treatment and achieve stable control of their hyperthyroidism. This will involve further blood tests to measure T4 levels, as well as asking you about whether the hyperthyroidism signs that your cat was showing have reduced.

Your vet may adjust your cat's Thiamacare dose in response to the results of the T4 blood tests. This is to work out the lowest dose that your cat needs to control their hyperthyroidism. Any changes are easily made with the Thiamacare dosing syringe and your cat's personalised dose chart on the back of this leaflet.

Your cat's kidneys may also be checked again and it's not uncommon for kidney blood values to show an increase as hyperthyroidism is better controlled. This is because hyperthyroidism can 'mask' kidney disease by increasing the amount of blood passing through the kidneys. Don't worry though, your vet will develop a plan with you for managing any kidney disease your cat may have.

Long-term monitoring

Re-checks will happen regularly (see the table on the back page for your next check) until your cat achieves stable T4 levels, within the normal reference range, and symptoms reduce and hopefully disappear completely. This means that your cat's hyperthyroidism is well controlled on the lowest dose possible.

Because the disease can progress, your cat will then be checked every 3-6 months, to make sure that their dose of Thiamacare is continuing to control their hyperthyroidism the best it can.

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