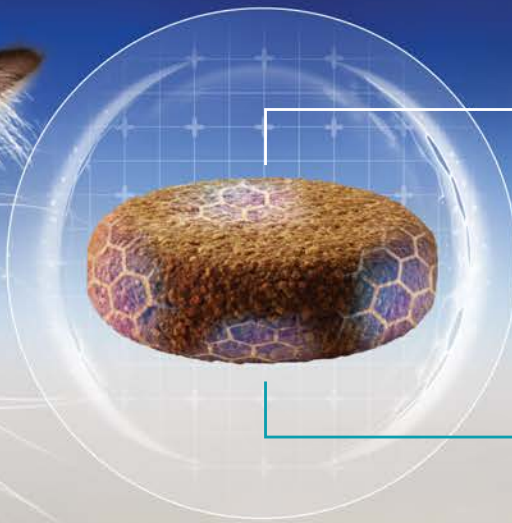


Vet User Guide

For the world's first 2 in 1 medicated food for cats



MEDICATION

Benazepril for the reduction of proteinuria

NUTRITION

Highly palatable renal diet















Welcome to a new era in the management of feline chronic kidney disease.

Indication

Vikaly™ is indicated for the nutritional and medical management of chronic kidney disease (CKD) in adult and senior cats with proteinuria, from IRIS stage 2.

When and how to use Vikaly™

		International Renal Interest Society Stage			
		Stage I	Stage II	Stage III	Stage IV
<div></div> <div>Complete Diet</div>	No proteinuria	VETERINARY HPM® KJ1. Early Kidney & Joint 	VETERINARY HPM® KJ2. Kidney & Joint 	VETERINARY HPM® KJ3. Advanced Kidney & Joint 	
		VETERINARY HPM® KJ1. Early Kidney & Joint Wet Food 	VETERINARY HPM® KJ2. Kidney & Joint Wet Loaf 		
	Proteinuria	VETERINARY HPM® KJ2. Kidney & Joint 	<div> </div> <div> +/- Only when at least 50% of the Vikaly daily ration is eaten</div>		
		VETERINARY HPM® KJ2. Kidney & Joint Wet Loaf 			
<div>AND</div> <div>Phosphate binder supplementation recommended:</div>		<div> PRONEFRA®</div> <div><div>If phosphataemia** above 4.6 mg/dl (1.5 mmol/l)</div><div>If phosphataemia** above 5 mg/dl (1.6 mmol/l)</div><div>If phosphataemia** above 6 mg/dl (1.9 mmol/l)</div></div>			

How to transition to Vikaly™

All cats

Since CKD cats can be picky eaters, a **gradual dietary transition** to Vikaly™ is recommended. The duration of the transition may vary based on the cat's appetite, eating habits and IRIS stage.

Additional instructions for cats taking:

Benazepril tablets for proteinuria

Continue the current treatment until 50% of the recommended Vikaly™ ration has been introduced.

Telmisartan for proteinuria

Discontinue the treatment the day before starting the transition onto Vikaly™.

Other medication

Continue current medication. Concurrent use of NSAIDs or other medications with a hypotensive effect should be considered with care.

Daily ration

For exclusive feeding with Vikaly™, use the table below based on the cat's body weight and condition.

	2.5 kg	3 kg	3.5 kg	4 kg	4.5 kg	5 kg	5.5 kg	6 kg	6.5 kg	7 kg	7.5 kg	8 kg	8.5 kg	9 kg	9.5 kg	10 kg
Overweight	25 g	30 g	35 g	40 g	45 g	50 g	55 g	60 g	65 g	70 g	75 g	80 g	85 g	90 g	95 g	100 g
Normal*	30 g	35 g	40 g	45 g	50 g	55 g	65 g	70 g	75 g	80 g	85 g	90 g	95 g	105 g	110 g	115 g
Underweight	35 g	40 g	50 g	55 g	60 g	70 g	75 g	80 g	90 g	95 g	105 g	110 g	115 g	125 g	130 g	135 g

*Normal: senior neutered indoor cat with optimal body weight

Prescribing Vikaly™

Vikaly™ is only available **under vet prescription**.

Check the following table as a guide to how many days a 1.5kg Vikaly™ bag lasts according to the cat's daily requirements in grams:

Daily ration of the cat:	25 g	30 g	35 g	40 g	45 g	50 g	55 g	60 g	65 g	70 g	75 g	80 g	85 g	90 g	95 g	100 g	105 g	110 g	115 g	120 g	125 g	130 g	135 g
A bag lasts up to (days)	60	50	43	38	33	30	27	25	23	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	14	13	13	12	12	11



The daily ration can be administered in several smaller meals throughout the day, to accommodate the individual preferences of the cat and promote consistent food intake



If you recommend feeding Vikaly™ in combination with a wet food, the owner should **only give wet food after the cat has consumed at least 50% of their daily Vikaly™ ration**



Fresh drinking water should be available at all times

Storage conditions



Vikaly™ should be stored in a cool, dry place at **temperatures not exceeding 25°C** and in **its original packaging**. Once opened, use within two months.

Medical follow-up



As per IRIS guidelines, regular medical monitoring should be scheduled **every 3 to 6 months** and should include a check of renal parameters such as proteinuria and phosphataemia, as well as an assessment of eating behaviour, body condition and weight.

Precautions for use in cats

Ensuring the correct dose for the treated cat:

- **Feed intake:** remind owners to contact you **if the cat consumes less than 50% of the prescribed daily ration for more than 7 consecutive days**, or if the cat shows signs of anorexia.
- **Multi-cat households:** advise the owner on how to ensure that only the cat requiring treatment has access to the medicated feed (e.g. by using a closed or separate feeding area). **However, if a healthy cat accidentally ingests the medicated diet, it is not expected to have any adverse health effects.**¹

Precautions to be taken by the administrator



Keep out of the reach and sight of children:

If accidentally ingested, seek medical advice immediately and provide the doctor with the product label.



Special precautions for women:

Pregnant women and women of childbearing potential should avoid any skin contact with the medicated feed, as well as accidental oral exposure (e.g. hand-to-mouth contact).



Hypersensitivity warning:

Individuals with a known hypersensitivity to *Benazepril* should avoid contact with the product. If hypersensitivity symptoms occur, seek medical advice immediately and present the product label to the doctor.



After handling:

Always wash hands after any contact with the product.

Adverse events

Adverse events associated with Vikaly™ are rare to very rare, similar to those observed with *Benazepril* tablets. When they do occur, they are primarily related to chronic kidney disease (CKD) itself.

Advise pet owners to use a treatment log and to consult you in case of any unusual clinical signs.

Rare (1 to 10 animals/10,000 animals treated):

Diarrhoea, Emesis, Anorexia, Dehydration, Lethargy

Very rare (<1 animal/10,000 animals treated. Including isolated reports):

Elevated Creatinine*
Increased Appetite, Weight Gain

*In cats with chronic kidney disease, the veterinary medical product may increase plasma creatinine concentrations at the start of therapy. A moderate increase in plasma creatinine concentrations following administration of ACE inhibitors is compatible with the reduction in glomerular hypertension induced by these agents and is therefore not necessarily a reason to stop therapy in the absence of other signs.

Contraindications



1

Hypersensitivity to the active substance or any of the excipients

2

Medical conditions such as hypotension, hypovolaemia, hyponatraemia, or acute renal failure

3

Cardiac conditions involving cardiac output failure due to aortic or pulmonary stenosis

4

Pregnancy and lactation—Vikaly™ is not recommended for use in pregnant or nursing cats



1. King et al. J Vet Pharmacol Ther. 2006;29(3):225-227. 2. Benamix premix summary of product characteristics.

Vikaly Medicated Complete Food for Cats (containing Benamix 6.25 mg/g Premix for Medicated Feeding Stuff for Cats) contains benazepril [POM-V]. Further information is available from the product datasheet or from: Virbac Limited, Woolpit Business Park, Windmill Avenue, Woolpit, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, IP30 9UP. Tel: 01359 243243 Email: enquiries@virbac.co.uk Web: uk.virbac.com Prescription decisions are for the person issuing the prescription alone. Use Medicines Responsibly.

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