Latanaprost
Ophthalmic

Xalatan® is another name for this medication.

How Is This Medication Useful?
- Latanaprost is used in the eye to reduce the pressure caused by glaucoma.

Are There Conditions or Times When Its Use Might Cause More Harm Than Good?
- Latanaprost might not work as well if you use it more than twice daily.
- It does not seem to work well to manage glaucoma in cats.
- If your animal has any of the above conditions, talk to your veterinarian about the potential risks of using the medication versus the benefits that it might have.

What Side Effects Can Be Seen With Its Use?
- Latanaprost may sting when placed in the eye.
- Animals with light colored irises may develop brown irises.
- Latanaprost will cause the pupil (black part) of the eye to become much smaller. Your veterinarian may ask your pharmacist to dilute the latanaprost to half-strength to reduce this effect.

How Should It Be Given?
- Latanaprost is usually started at once daily but may be increased to twice daily. It should not be used more than twice daily or it may stop working.
- Latanaprost is a prostaglandin drug that can cause pregnant women to miscarry. If you are pregnant, you should wear gloves or have someone else give the eye drops.
- The successful outcome of your animal’s treatment with this medication depends upon your commitment and ability to administer it exactly as the veterinarian has prescribed. Please do not skip doses or stop giving the medication. If you have difficulty giving doses consult your veterinarian or pharmacist who can offer administration techniques or change the dosage form to a type of medication that may be more acceptable to you and your animal.

- If you miss a dose of this medication you should give it as soon as you remember it, but if it is within a few hours of the regularly scheduled dose, wait and give it at the regular time. Do not double a dose as this can be toxic to your pet.
- Some other drugs can interact with this medication so tell your veterinarian about any drugs or foods that you currently give your animal. Do not give new foods or medications without first asking your veterinarian.
- You should always wash your hands after applying this medication to your pet’s eyes as it can get into your eyes and cause dilation of the pupil.
- Dogs and Cats: Latanaprost is usually administered three times daily in dogs and cats.
- Horses: Horses do not usually receive latanaprost.

What Other Information Is Important About This Medication?
- Latanaprost should be stored in a tight, light resistant, childproof container in the refrigerator away from all children and other household pets.