Stanozolol

Winstrol® is another name for this medication.

How Is This Medication Useful?
- Stanozolol is an anabolic steroid that is used to improve appetite, cause weight gain, and increase muscle strength.
- It is also used to cause increased blood cell formation in anemia.

Are There Conditions or Times When Its Use Might Cause More Harm Than Good?
- Stanozolol should not be used in pregnant animals due to extreme adverse effects on the unborn babies.
- Stanozolol should not be used in male animals intending for breeding as it severely reduces sperm count.
- Stanozolol should not be used in animals that have cancer of the mammary glands (breasts) or prostate.
- Stanozolol can cause a severe liver disease in cats and should be used extremely carefully in this species.
- Stanozolol causes water retention and should not be used in patients with heart disease, kidney disease or patients being treated for diabetes insipidus.
- Stanozolol can also increase the amount of calcium in blood and may cause severe problems in patients who already have weak hearts.
- 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?
- Stanozolol acts like a male hormone and can cause female animals to not come into heat. It may also make female animals exhibit male breeding behavior (mounting other animals.) It can also cause other behavior changes. If your pet shows any unusual behavior, contact your veterinarian for advice.
- Stanozolol can cause water retention and swelling.
- Stanozolol can cause increased calcium in the blood. If you notice that your pet seems unusually tired, weak, or has an irregular heartbeat, you should contact your veterinarian immediately.

How Should It Be Given?
- Stanozolol should be given with food orally once or twice daily. It may take several weeks to have the effect that your veterinarian wants.
- Stanozolol is a controlled substance and should only be given to the pet for whom the prescription was written.
- 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.
- Dogs and Cats: Stanozolol is given orally to dogs once or twice daily. It may also be given by injection once weekly. It is rarely used in cats but when used is given orally once daily.
- Horses: Horses usually receive stanozolol by injection once weekly. It is considered a Class 4 drug by the Association of Racing Commissioners International (ARCI).

What Other Information Is Important About This Medication?
- Stanozolol should be stored in a tight, light resistant, childproof container away from all children and other household pets. The injection should be shaken thoroughly before using.
- Stanozolol is a controlled substance. You will need to get a new prescription for this medication every 6 months and you should not give it to any other pets.