



This is a proforma explanation of the use of Prozac/Lovan/Genrx

Prozac/Lovan/Zactin is a selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor (SSRI). It is mostly side-effect free.

It is usually given once daily for dogs and cats and usually given for at least 2 months. It must be given continually for proper effect.

It can take 1 month to have full effect but the initial effects are often seen in two weeks.

Side Effects

Side effects are not profound but can include

- Reduction in appetite and weight (mild)
- Ataxia or loss of balance (slight)
- Sleeplessness at night and dreams or 'nightmares'
- Lethargy or drowsiness (rare, mild)

Let me know if you see these side effects.

Time Table of Rechecks

1. First recheck is needed at 7 -1 4 days to check of side effects and to review the dose.
2. Next recheck is due at 1 month to determine the initial therapeutic effects and to review dose rates again
3. An important recheck is due at 2 months to determine 'what to do next' e.g.
 - Stop the medication
 - Continue the medication
 - Change the medication to another

Also please let me know if you are intending to stop the medication as special instructions may be needed.

Note that this is not a dog or cat registered medication and, while it appears safe in the short and long term from all cases I have seen, by using the medication you are agreeing to accept any risk in its use.

Blood tests are advised during the time medication is used to ensure there are no side effects. (Approx cost \$120)

MORE INFORMATION: [Pets on prozac.](#)

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