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## Home care notes for dogs on Lanoxin

Lanoxin is an ancient drug that was initially made from the foxglove plant. It can still do stuff that more modern drugs can't (beneficial stuff for the heart). Dogs vary in how well they absorb and break the drug down. Sometimes the drug can cause side effects. We can decrease the risk of side effects happening by doing blood tests. Speak to me if you'd like more details about this.

**It is very important that you tell us immediately if you notice any of these changes** when your pet starts on Lanoxin as all these could be drug side effects:

- **Lethargy (less active than normal)**
- **worse appetite**
- **nausea (lip smacking, drooling)**
- **vomiting**
- **diarrhoea (poo softer than normal)**

I have started your pet off on quite a low dose, so the risk of you seeing any of these side effects is low. I don't want you to panic - but you need to be informed so you know what to look for. That means that together we're making the treatment as safe as possible.

It will take 5 days till the drug is fully effective in the body.

Do not ever give extra doses of Lanoxin unless I have specifically told you to. This is a drug where more can definitely be harmful rather than better.

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