

GingiPro™ for Cats with Stomatitis

A plain-language guide for owners of cats with stubborn (refractory) feline chronic gingivostomatitis (FCGS)

What is your cat dealing with?

Feline chronic gingivostomatitis (FCGS) is a severe, painful inflammation of the mouth that goes far beyond ordinary gum disease. The redness and ulcers extend deep into the lining of the cheeks and the back of the throat. Cats with FCGS often drool, have very bad breath, drop weight, paw at the mouth, or refuse to eat — even foods they normally love.

Research strongly links FCGS to **feline calicivirus (FCV)**, a stubborn virus that causes long-term infection in the mouth. The immune system overreacts to the virus, and that overreaction is what produces the constant inflammation.

The traditional treatments — full-mouth tooth extractions and long-term steroids — help some cats, but they don't fully resolve the disease in roughly a third of patients. Cats who don't respond are called **refractory**, and that's where new therapies like GingiPro come in.

What is GingiPro™?

GingiPro is a prescription-only, **chicken-flavored oral paste** compounded by Stokes Pharmacy in partnership with the Bova group (originally developed in Australia). It is designed specifically for cats whose stomatitis is associated with feline calicivirus.

The paste sticks to the lining of the mouth so the medicine stays in contact with the inflamed tissue. It works both locally (right where the ulcers are) and throughout the body. It combines three medications in a single formulation:

Ingredient	What it does
EIDD-1931	Antiviral — targets the calicivirus driving the inflammation
Doxycycline	Antibiotic — calms the bacterial overgrowth in an inflamed mouth
Meloxicam (low dose)	Anti-inflammatory — reduces pain and swelling

Two other versions are also available: **GingiPro Duo™** (doxycycline + EIDD-1931, no meloxicam — useful in cats with kidney concerns) and **GingiPro Solo™** (EIDD-1931 by itself).

How is it given?

GingiPro is a paste that comes in a Topi-CLICK® pump dispenser. Each click delivers a measured 0.25 mL dose. The typical dose is given **twice a day** — ideally smeared directly onto the gums or cheek lining for maximum local effect, but it can also be mixed into wet food for cats who won't tolerate direct dosing.

Cat weight	AM dose	PM dose
3 kg (about 6.6 lb)	1 click	1 click
4.5 kg (about 10 lb)	2 clicks	1 click
6 kg (about 13 lb)	2 clicks	2 clicks

Your veterinarian will calculate the exact number of clicks based on your cat's current weight.

Can my cat be on other medications while taking GingiPro?

Some of them! Gabapentin, buprenorphine, probiotics, and many other supplements are fine to use alongside GingiPro.

Onsior or prednisone should NOT be given with GingiPro, but can be given with GingiPro Duo or GingiPro Solo. If your cat is on Onsior or prednisone (including long-acting DepoMedrol), be sure to discuss this with your veterinarian.

Monitoring during treatment

Because side effects can show up on bloodwork before they show up in your cat, we recommend running a **Chemistry panel and CBC (complete blood count)** during GingiPro treatment. Your veterinarian will tell you how often based on your cat's age, kidney status, and how long they've been on the medication. Most short-term changes (low neutrophils, mild kidney value bumps) are reversible once treatment ends.

Should we try this for a refractory case? Weighing the pros and cons

GingiPro is one of the most promising new options when full-mouth extractions, steroids, or other treatments haven't resolved your cat's stomatitis. Like any therapy, it has real strengths and real trade-offs. Using this medication does NOT take the place of performing a thorough, anesthetized oral exam and advanced dental imaging to make sure there is not underlying periodontal disease and/or tooth resorption that needs to be treated first.

Pros

- **Tackles the root cause.** Most FCGS is driven by feline calicivirus. GingiPro is the first widely available product that actually targets the virus, not just the symptoms.
- **Three actions in one paste.** Antiviral, antibiotic, and anti-inflammatory all delivered together — fewer separate pills to juggle.
- **May reduce the need for more surgery.** For cats who didn't fully respond to full-mouth extractions, GingiPro offers an option that doesn't require another anesthesia and procedure.
- **An alternative to long-term steroids.** Avoids the diabetes, weight gain, and immune-suppression risks that come with months or years of prednisolone.
- **Sticks where it's needed.** The paste adheres to the sore tissues for prolonged contact instead of being swallowed away.
- **Cat-friendly format.** Chicken flavored, applied to the cheek pocket, and easy to measure with the click dispenser. Can be mixed into wet food if direct dosing is rejected.

- **Used successfully in Australia.** The Bova formula has real-world clinical experience behind it before becoming available in the U.S. through Stokes Pharmacy.

Cons & things to consider

- **It's a compounded medication.** GingiPro is not an FDA-approved finished drug; it's prepared by a compounding pharmacy under your veterinarian's prescription. Long-term, large-scale safety and efficacy data are still being gathered.
- **Only the right fit for FCV-associated stomatitis.** If your cat's mouth disease is from something else (autoimmune disease, certain infections, dental disease alone), this product likely won't help. A thorough oral exam is essential first.
- **Twice-daily dosing in a sore mouth.** Cats with painful stomatitis may resist having their cheeks handled, especially at first. It can take patience to establish a routine.
- **Meloxicam means kidney watchfulness.** The dose is intentionally low, but cats with kidney disease may need GingiPro Duo (no meloxicam) instead, and good hydration matters.
- **Doxycycline cautions.** Doxycycline can cause stomach upset and — in cats — esophageal irritation if it isn't followed by food or water. The paste format helps but doesn't eliminate the risk.
- **Cost.** Compounded multi-drug pastes are generally more expensive than single-drug prescriptions, and treatment may run for weeks to months (~\$240/month).
- **Not a guaranteed cure.** Some refractory cats still need additional therapy (extractions, immune modulators, or stem cell therapy) alongside or after GingiPro.
- **EIDD-1931 is a newer antiviral.** It's the active form of molnupiravir. It works well locally, but because it is relatively new in feline use, long-term safety with extended courses is still being studied.

Is your cat a good candidate?

GingiPro is most appropriate when, together, you and your veterinarian can confirm:

- The inflammation extends to the back of the mouth and throat (true stomatitis, not just gingivitis).
- Calicivirus involvement is suspected or confirmed.
- The cat has either failed full-mouth extractions or is not a good surgical candidate — or you are looking for a medical option first.
- Kidney values are reasonable (or you are willing to use GingiPro Duo without meloxicam).
- Someone in the household can reliably give twice-daily oral doses.

Practical tips for home

- Apply to the cheek pocket rather than aiming for the back of the throat — the paste is designed to spread.
- If your cat resists direct dosing, the paste can go on top of a small spoon of wet food.
- Wash hands before and after dosing.
- Keep fresh water available; staying hydrated supports the kidneys while on meloxicam.
- Tell your veterinarian right away if your cat stops eating, vomits repeatedly, has dark stools, becomes very lethargic, or drinks/urinates noticeably more.
- Expect re-checks every few weeks at first — your vet will want to look in the mouth and may recheck bloodwork.

The bottom line

For cats whose stomatitis hasn't resolved with traditional treatment, GingiPro represents a genuinely new approach — one that goes after the calicivirus that drives much of the disease, combines antiviral, antibacterial, and anti-inflammatory action in a single paste, and may spare some cats from more surgery or long-term steroids. It is not a magic bullet, it is not right for every cause of mouth inflammation, and it requires committed twice-daily home dosing. For the right patient, however, it is one of the most exciting tools we've had in years for this frustrating, painful disease.

Talk with your veterinarian about whether GingiPro is appropriate for your cat — and never start, stop, or change the dose without their guidance.

Sources: Stokes Pharmacy — GingiPro™ product page (stokespharmacy.com/gingipro) and Stokes Pharmacy Gingivostomatitis information page (stokespharmacy.com/gingivostomatitis). Malik R, Harvey A. "Pathophysiology of Feline Chronic Gingivostomatitis and Juvenile Gingivitis, and Insights Into Novel Medical Management." Centre for Veterinary Education and Sydney School of Veterinary Science, The University of Sydney. Published via Bova (bova.vet), 16 July 2025.

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