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Droncit Tablets 50 mg

Species: Cats, Dogs

Therapeutic indication: Pharmaceuticals: Endoparasiticides: Anthelmintics for dogs, Anthelmintics for cats, Tapeworm products

Active ingredient: Praziquantel

Product: Droncit® Tablets 50 mg

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Incorporating:

Presentation

A white round tablet scored on one side containing 50 mg praziquantel.

Uses

For the treatment of adult tapeworms in dogs and cats. The tablets are effective against both immature and mature forms of adult tapeworms in both dogs and cats.

The product is a highly effective treatment against all the common species of tapeworm infecting dogs and cats in the United Kingdom and Ireland including *Echinococcus granulosus*, *Taenia ovis*, *Taenia pisiformis*, *Taenia multiceps*, *Taenia hydatigena*, *Taenia taeniaeformis*, and *Dipylidium caninum*. Droncit is also effective against *Echinococcus multilocularis* (see Contra-indications, Warnings, etc).

Dosage and administration

The recommended dosage rate is 5 mg/kg body weight. This corresponds to 1 tablet per 10 kg body weight.

Dogs: Body weight

2.5–5.0 kg

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6.0–10.0 kg	1 tablet
11.0–20.0 kg	2 tablets
21.0–30.0 kg	3 tablets
Over 30 kg	pro rata

Cats:

Adult cats	1/2 tablet
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Oral administration.

The tablets are administered by opening the animal's mouth and pushing the tablet over the back of the tongue so that it cannot be rejected. Alternatively, a tablet can be wrapped in a piece of meat or butter and offered to the animal or crushed and mixed with the food.

A single dose is all that is required. However, for dogs in rural areas and for packs of hounds this dose should be repeated every four weeks to ensure that newly acquired tapeworms are destroyed before reaching maturity. Dosing must be associated with strict control of the dog's diet to ensure that uncooked offal is not eaten.

Use during pregnancy and lactation

The product may be administered to pregnant females. It is safe to the female herself, to the unborn foetus and to the newborn young.

Contra-indications, warnings, etc

Do not administer to dogs weighing less than 2.5 kg.

Do not administer to unweaned puppies and kittens, as such animals are rarely infected with tapeworms.

Fleas serve as intermediate hosts for one common type of tapeworm - *Dipylidium caninum*. To avoid reinfection with this parasite, flea control of the animal and its housing should be carried out at the same time. Unless flea control is complete an infected flea population may survive: i.e. re-treatment of the animal may be necessary.

As a precautionary measure to prevent the establishment of *Echinococcus multilocularis* in the UK and Ireland, it is recommended that all dogs and cats entering the country be treated with praziquantel.

User safety

In the interests of good hygiene, persons administering the tablets directly to the animal, or by adding them to the animal's food, should wash their hands afterwards.

Environmental safety

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Any unused veterinary medicinal product or waste materials derived from such veterinary medicinal product should be disposed of in accordance with local requirements.

Pharmaceutical precautions

Do not store above 25°C.

Store in a dry place.

Any part used tablets should be discarded.

Shelf-life of the veterinary medicinal product as packaged for sale: 5 years

Legal category

Legal category: AVM-GSL

Packaging quantities

Cartons containing silver or white coloured aluminium foil /polyethylene coated aluminium blister packs.

Cartons containing 2 x 10 tablet blisters, 3 x 8 tablet blisters, 6 x 8 tablet blisters, 10 x 10 tablet blisters or 13 x 8 tablet blisters.

Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

Marketing Authorisation Holder (if different from distributor)

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Further information

Praziquantel is a pyrazinoisoquinolin derivative, with anthelmintic activity. ATC Vet Code: QP52AA01. The spectrum of action of praziquantel covers all the important species of cestodes in dogs and cats. It specifically includes all *Taenia* species occurring in dogs and cats, *Multiceps multiceps*, *Joyeuxiella pasquali*, *Dipylidium caninum*, *Mesocestoides* species, *Echinococcus multilocularis* and *E. granulosus*. Praziquantel is effective against all stages of development of these parasites occurring in the intestines of dogs and cats. Praziquantel impairs the normal tegument function of the parasite, making it permeable to excessive glucose loss and thereby more easily attacked by proteolytic enzymes. Because of this, whole tapeworms including the scolex are very rarely passed in the faeces following administration of the drug. Disintegrated and partially digested fragments may occasionally be seen in the faeces. Praziquantel is rapidly absorbed by the animal and metabolised by the liver. It is excreted, entirely as metabolites, in the urine and faeces.

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