

Praziquantel + Milbemycin - Main

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Trade Names:

Interceptor™ Plus

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: This combination drug has activity against internal parasites. It is an oral tablet for dogs and cats that prevents heartworm and kills intestinal parasites such as whipworms, hookworms, roundworms, and tapeworms. Internal parasites such as heartworms and intestinal worms can affect your pet's overall health.

WHAT IS THIS DRUG?

Praziquantel has activity against tapeworm infestations

Milbemycin eliminates the tissue stage of heartworm larvae and the adult stage of hookworm, roundworm and whipworm infestations

Given by mouth

REASONS FOR PRESCRIBING: Used for the prevention of heartworm disease. Used for the treatment and control of whipworms, hookworms, roundworms, and tapeworms

WHAT DOGS/CATS SHOULD NOT BE GIVEN THIS MEDICATION?

Do not give this product to puppies less than 2 weeks of age

Do not give this product to kittens less than 6 week of age

Do not give this product to dogs or cats that are less than 1 pound

This product is not intended for pets that have pre-existing heartworm infections

Safety in pregnant or nursing pets has not been established

Animals with a known hypersensitivity or allergy to this or related product should not take this medication

DIRECTIONS: Read and follow the label carefully. Give the exact amount prescribed and only as often as directed. Give this medication for as long as your veterinarian directs. Do not skip doses or stop giving the medication without consulting your veterinarian. Missed doses reduce the effectiveness of therapy.

It is ideal to give this medication 1 month prior to the start of heartworm season. This medication is then administered every 4 weeks to prevent heartworm disease. Mark your calendar with the dates of subsequent treatments. Pending climate and geographical location, discuss with your veterinarian regarding year-round treatment.

This medication should be given immediately after or with a meal. Ensure that the entire dose has been swallowed. Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water after use.

Baseline blood work involving a test for heartworm infection should be recommended to assess your pet's general health before starting this drug.

If your animal has a large number of intestinal parasites, they may be observed in the feces a few days after treatment with this combination product.

This medication should take effect within 1 to 2 days. You should see improvements in your pet's clinical signs.

Ideally, give medication at the same time every month. Call ahead for refills.

WHAT IF A DOSE IS MISSED?

If a dose is missed, give it as soon as you can. If it is time already for the next dose, skip the missed dose and go back to the normal schedule.

WHAT TO TELL/ASK YOUR VETERINARIAN BEFORE GIVING THIS MEDICATION?

Talk to your veterinarian about:

The life cycle of internal parasites

What are the risks and benefits of using this product

Tell your veterinarian about:

If your pet has experienced side effects on other drugs/products

If your pet has experienced digestive upset now or ever

If your pet has experienced liver or kidney disease now or ever

If your pet has experienced any other medical problems or allergies now or ever

All medicines and supplements that you are giving your pet or plan to give your pet, including those you can get without a prescription. Your veterinarian may want to check that all of your pet's medications can be given together.

If your pet is pregnant, nursing or if you plan to breed your pet

STORAGE AND WARNINGS:

Praziquantel + Milbemycin should be stored in a childproof container in a cool, dry place at room temperature away from heat and direct sunlight.

Do not remove tablet from original packaging until time of administration.

Maintain good personal hygiene as some parasites can pose a risk to human health. Pet feces should be removed daily and the premises kept clean.

Keep this and all medication out of reach of children and pets.

Call your physician immediately if you accidentally take this product.

POTENTIAL SIDE EFFECTS: This medication can affect the gastrointestinal system causing a decrease in appetite, drooling, vomiting and diarrhea

A mild, transient hypersensitivity reaction (labored breathing, vomiting, salivation and lethargy) has been noted in some dogs carrying a large number of circulating microfilariae (immature heartworm)

This medication may cause itchiness, hives and red skin, lethargy, depression, staggering, convulsions, weakness

This medication can cause serious side effects in a pet with pre-existing heartworm infection

If you notice any of these symptoms or if your pet's condition worsens, contact your veterinarian

This long-acting medication lasts for at least 4-6 weeks but may last longer in pets with kidney or liver disease

CAN THIS DRUG BE GIVEN WITH OTHER MEDICATIONS?

Yes, but possible interactions may occur when giving Praziquantel + Milbemycin in conjunction with: amiodarone, azole antifungals (ketoconazole), benzodiazepines, carvedilol, cimetidine, clarithromycin, cyclosporine, diltiazem, erythromycin, grapefruit juice, oxamniquine, quinidine, rifampin, spironolactone, tamoxifen and verapamil

Drugs other than those listed may also interact with Praziquantel + Milbemycin

Ensure that your veterinarian knows all of the medicines and supplements that you are giving your pet or plan to give your pet, including those you can get without a prescription

If your pet experiences any unusual reactions when taking multiple medications, contact your veterinarian

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I KNOW OF OR SUSPECT THERE HAS BEEN AN OVERDOSE?

Contact your veterinarian and/or a poison control center immediately if pet receives more than the prescribed amount.

WHAT ELSE SHOULD I KNOW?

Notify your veterinarian if your animal's condition does not improve or worsens despite this treatment.

As with all prescribed medicines, Praziquantel + Milbemycin should only be given to the pet for which it was prescribed. It should be given only for the condition for which it was prescribed.

To maximize the benefit of deworming, it is best to treat all animals in the environment. Periodic fecal exams are recommended to monitor effectiveness and re-exposure to parasites.

Some intestinal parasites can infect humans. Strict hygienic precautions should be observed when handling infected pets and their feces. Consult your veterinarian or family doctor to discuss how to prevent human infection and reinfection of your pet.

This is just a summary of information about Praziquantel + Milbemycin. If you have any questions or concerns about this medication or for the condition it was prescribed, contact your veterinarian.