

## Information Sheet

# For Pet Dewormers

### Common Drug Name

### **Praziquantel, Pyrantel**

### Common Brand Names

#### Single Ingredient Products

Droncit<sup>®</sup> Cestocide Tablets

Droncit<sup>®</sup> Injectable for Dogs and Cats

Tradewinds<sup>™</sup> Tape Worm Tabs (non-prescription)

D-Worm<sup>™</sup> (non-prescription)

#### Combination Products

Drontal Plus<sup>®</sup> (for dogs) also contains

pyrantel pamoate and febantel

Drontal<sup>®</sup> (for cats and kittens) also contains pyrantel pamoate

### Storage

Store at room temperature in a tight, light resistant container.

### Uses

Dogs: Praziquantel is used for the removal of tapeworm. Products containing pyrantel pamoate also remove hookworms, roundworms, and whipworms.

Cats: Praziquantel is used for the removal of tapeworm. Products containing pyrantel pamoate also remove various types of hookworms and roundworms.

#### Ferrets, Birds, Chinchillas, Mice, Rats,

#### Hamsters, Gerbils, and Guinea Pigs:

Praziquantel is used for the removal of tapeworms.

Reptiles: Praziquantel is used for the removal of tapeworms and flukes.

### Dose and Administration

Capsules may be give as a whole with a treat such as hot dog or cheese or it can be opened and the ingredients sprinkled and mixed with the pet food

the entire amount of medication is ingested. Fasting is neither necessary nor recommended.

Dose varies by product. Depending on the parasite being treated and the likelihood of recurrence, the treatment may need to be repeated or given on a regular basis.

If you miss a dose, give it as soon as your remember. If it is almost time for the next dose, skip the one you missed and go back to the regular schedule. Do not give 2 doses at once.

### Possible Side Effects

If you observe any of the side effects below, contact your veterinarian.

Oral form: Side effects are rare, but may include drooling, vomiting, loss of appetite, diarrhea, lethargy, or staggering.

If your pet has a large number of tapeworms, they may pass out with the feces. Usually, however, they are digested, and will not be seen.

If your pet experiences an allergic reaction to the medication, signs may include facial swelling, hives, scratching, sudden onset of diarrhea, vomiting, shock, seizures, pale gums, cold limbs, or coma. If you observe any of these signs, contact your veterinarian immediately.

During hot summer month, deworm your Pet every month, especially if your pet spends some time outside the house.

The rest of the year and during cool months, deworm your pet once every 3 month.

Ofcourse if you see any worms in the stool or if your pet shows any signs or worm infection such as weight loss or poor appetite deworm them immediatly to prevent their condition from getting worse. We always advise pet owners to consult with a good veterinarian as some symptoms may be confusing and can lead to worsening of your pet condition unless treated by a professional.

### Precautions

Not for use in animals who are hypersensitive (allergic) to it.

Dogs and Cats: Unless authorized by your veterinarian, do not use in puppies less than 3 weeks of age or dogs weighing less than 2 pounds; or in kittens less than one month of age or weighing less than 1.5 pounds.

Birds: The injectable form is toxic in finches.

Consult with your veterinarian regarding physical examinations and laboratory testing necessary prior to and during treatment with praziquantel.

### Human Precautions

Some intestinal parasites may be zoonotic (able to infect humans). Consult your veterinarian or physician on how to prevent human infection and reinfection of your pet.

### Drug, Food and Test Interactions

Consult your veterinarian before using praziquantel with any other medications, including vitamins and supplements, and other dewormers, since interactions may occur.

Side effects may be more common if using the pyrantel pamoate combination products at the same time as organophosphates (found in flea and tick products) or diethylcarbamazine (once-a-day heartworm preventative).

### Signs of Toxicity/Overdose

May see salivation, vomiting, diarrhea, loss of appetite, muscle tremors, or depression.

If you know or suspect your pet has had an overdose, or if you observe any of these signs in your pet, contact your veterinarian immediately.

*Keep this and all other medications out of the reach of children and pets.*

**Product:**

**Expire:**

**Amount:**

This information may not cover all possible uses, directions, side effects, precautions, allergic reactions, drug interactions, or withdrawal times. Always consult your own veterinarian for specific advice concerning the treatment of your pet.