

DOCTORS FOSTER^{and}SMITH[®] PHARMACY

Patient Information Sheet

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For questions or to consult with a pharmacist, call 1-800-447-3021 Mon-Fri from 9am-6pm CST and Sat from 9am-1pm CST. If you have an emergency situation, please contact your local veterinarian immediately.

Ivermectin plus pyrantel and praziquantel

(Iverhart Max)

Common Drug Name

Ivermectin

This medication should only be given to the pet for whom it was prescribed.

The safety in pregnant and lactating animals (female animals nursing their young) has not been evaluated.

Common Brand Names

Iverhart Max contains ivermectin, pyrantel pamoate, and praziquantel

Possible Side Effects

Side effects are rare at the recommended heartworm prevention dosage. Rarely may see lethargy, drooling, shaking, diarrhea, vomiting, loss of appetite, staggering, decreased appetite, and licking lips.

Consult with your veterinarian regarding necessary physical examinations and heartworm testing necessary prior to and during treatment with heartworm medications.

Storage

Store at room temperature in a tightly closed container, protected from light.

Contact your veterinarian if you observe these signs.

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

Uses

Ivermectin is used as a heartworm preventive. Products with pyrantel pamoate and praziquantel are used for the treatment and control of roundworms, hookworms, and tapeworms.

If your pet experiences an allergic reaction to the medication or the dying of parasites, 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.

Properly dispose of unused ivermectin, as it may be toxic to fish and other animals.

Dose and Administration

Always follow the dosage instructions provided by your veterinarian. If you have difficulty giving the medication, contact your veterinarian.

Precautions

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

Drug, Food, and Test Interactions

Although there are no known drug or food interactions with this medication, consult with your veterinarian before using ivermectin with any other medications, including vitamins and supplements, since interactions may occur.

Follow your veterinarian's directions on when to give this medication. If advised to give it seasonally, remember to give it during and 1 month beyond the mosquito season, preferably on the same date each month. The tablet kills the parasites acquired during the previous month. (The tablet given May 1st treats exposures to heartworm during the month of April.)

Not for use in Collies or other herding breeds over the recommended heartworm prevention dose unless under the strict supervision of a veterinarian. If your dog is one of these breeds, observe your pet for at least 8 hours after giving the medication for weakness, staggering, dilated pupils, trembling, or pressing the head against a wall. Contact your veterinarian immediately if you see these signs.

Signs of Toxicity/Overdose

May see staggering, vomiting, diarrhea, depression, seizures or dilated pupils. In male dogs, a long-term overdose could result in shrinking of the testicles.

If a dose is missed, give the tablet immediately and resume giving a tablet every 30 days (once a month). Contact your veterinarian regarding the need to have your pet heartworm tested in 6-7 months.

Do not use in puppies or kittens less than 8 weeks of age.

Most animals recover in 2-4 weeks with supportive care. If you know or suspect your pet has had an overdose, or if you observe any of these signs, contact your veterinarian immediately.

If switching from diethylcarbamazine (a once-a-day heartworm preventive) give ivermectin within 30 days of discontinuing the diethylcarbamazine.

Use with caution in sick, debilitated or underweight animals, and in animals weighing less than 10 pounds.

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