Pyrantel pamoate (Nemex™, ProWormer-2™, Strongid® T)

Common Drug Name
Pyrantel pamoate

Common Brand Names

Single Ingredient Products
Nemex™, ProWormer-2™, Strongid® T (horses)

Combination Products
Heartgard Plus™ (ivermectin and pyrantel)
Iverhart Plus™ (ivermectin and pyrantel)
Tri-Heart Plus™ (ivermectin and pyrantel)
Drontal® (praziquantel and pyrantel)
Drontal Plus® (praziquantel, pyrantel, and febantel)

Generic products are available.

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

Uses
Pyrantel pamoate is an oral wormer effective against a variety of roundworms and hookworms in dogs, cats, horses, birds, rabbits, and other species.

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

Shake the liquid suspension well before each use. The liquid suspension is very palatable (animals will usually eat it willingly).

Different products come in varying strengths so follow individual product information or contact your veterinarian for an appropriate dose.

Dose varies with product. Young animals need to be tested and dewormed frequently according to a worming schedule, and as advised by your veterinarian.

If you miss a dose, give it as soon as you 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.

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

Possible Side Effects
Side effects are unlikely; vomiting may rarely occur. Consult your veterinarian if you notice any side effects.

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.

Precautions
Not for use in animals hypersensitive (allergic) to it or drugs similar to it.

Safe to use in pregnant or lactating animals (female animals nursing their young).

Do not use in severely debilitated animals.

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

Human Precautions
Some intestinal parasites may be zoonotic (able to infect humans). Consult with 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 pyrantel pamoate with any other medications, including vitamins and supplements, levamisole, morantel, since interactions may occur.

Observe for adverse reactions if used with organophosphates (certain flea and tick products) or diethylcarbamazine (once-a-day heartworm preventive).

Fasting is not necessary, and pyrantel may be given with food.

Signs of Toxicity/Overdose
Rare. Chronic overdosing may result in an increased respiratory rate (breathing faster), profuse sweating in animals capable of sweating, staggering, and loss of balance.

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.