INTERCEPTOR PLUS (milbemycin oxime/praziquantel)

Federal (USA) law restricts this drug to use by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian.

Caution

For technical assistance call Elanco US Inc. at 1-888-545-5973.

Dosage and Administration

INTERCEPTOR PLUS should be administered orally, once every month, at the minimum dosage of 0.23 mg/lb (0.5 mg/kg) milbemycin oxime, and 2.28 mg/lb (5 mg/kg) praziquantel. For heartworm prevention, give once monthly for at least 6 months after exposure to mosquitoes (see EFFECTIVENESS). INTERCEPTOR PLUS should be administered orally, once every month, at the minimum dosage of 0.23 mg/pound (0.5 mg/kg) of milbemycin oxime and 2.28 mg/pound (5 mg/kg) of praziquantel. Each chewable flavored tablet contains 2.3 mg of milbemycin oxime and 22.8 mg of praziquantel. For heartworm prevention, give once monthly for at least 6 months after exposure to mosquitoes (see EFFECTIVENESS).

EFFECTIVENESS

INTERCEPTOR PLUS may be offered to the dog by hand or added to a small amount of dog food. The chewables should be administered in a manner that encourages the dog to chew, rather than to swallow without chewing. Chewables may be broken into pieces and fed to dogs that normally swallow treats whole. Care should be taken that the dog consumes the complete dose, and treated animals should be observed for a few minutes after administration to ensure that no part of the dose is lost or rejected. If it is suspected that any of the dose has been lost, re-dosing is recommended.

Heartworm Prevention

INTERCEPTOR PLUS should be administered at monthly intervals beginning within 1 month of the dog’s first seasonal exposure to mosquitoes and continuing until at least 6 months after the dog’s last seasonal exposure (see EFFECTIVENESS). INTERCEPTOR PLUS may be administered year-round without interruption. When switching from another heartworm preventative product to INTERCEPTOR PLUS, the first dose of INTERCEPTOR PLUS should be given within a month of the last dose of the former product. Intestinal Nematode and Cestode Treatment and Control

Do not use in puppies less than 6 weeks of age. Do not use in dogs or puppies less than two pounds of body weight. The safety of INTERCEPTOR PLUS has not been evaluated in dogs used for breeding or in lactating females. Studies have been performed with milbemycin oxime alone (see ANIMAL SAFETY).

Reactions

The following adverse reactions have been reported in dogs after administration of milbemycin oxime or praziquantel: vomiting, diarrhea, depression/lethargy, ataxia, anorexia, convulsions, weakness, and salivation. To report suspected adverse drug events, contact Elanco US Inc. at 1-888-545-5973 or the FDA at 1-888-FDA-VETS. For technical assistance call Elanco US Inc. at 1-888-545-5973.

Information for Owner or Person Treating Animal:

Echinococcus multilocularis and Echinococcus granulosus are tapeworms found in wild canids and domestic dogs. E. multilocularis and E. granulosus can infect humans and cause serious disease (alveolar hydatid disease and hydatid disease, respectively). Owners of dogs living in areas where E. multilocularis or E. granulosus are endemic should be instructed on how to minimize their risk of exposure to these parasites, as well as their dog’s risk of exposure. Although INTERCEPTOR PLUS was 100% effective in laboratory studies in dogs against E. multilocularis and E. granulosus, no studies have been conducted to show that the use of this product will decrease the incidence of alveolar hydatid disease or hydatid disease in humans. Because the prepatent period for E. multilocularis may be as short as 26 days, dogs treated at the labeled monthly intervals may become reinfected and shed eggs between treatments.

Effective Heartworm Prevention

INTERCEPTOR PLUS was 100% effective against induced heartworm infections when administered once monthly for 6 consecutive months. In well-controlled laboratory studies, neither one dose nor two consecutive doses of INTERCEPTOR PLUS provided 100% effectiveness against induced heartworm infections. Intestinal Nematodes and Cestodes Treatment and Control

Elimination of the adult stage of hookworm (Toxocara canis, Toxascaris leonina), adult whipworm (Trichuris vulpis) and adult tapeworms (Taenia pisiformis, Echinococcus multilocularis and Echinococcus granulosus) infections in dogs and puppies two pounds of body weight or greater and six weeks of age and older.

Dosage Schedule

INTERCEPTOR PLUS is indicated for the prevention of heartworm disease caused by Dirofilaria immitis, and for the treatment and control of adult roundworm (Toxocara canis, Toxascaris leonina), adult hookworm (Ankylostoma caninum), adult whipworm (Trichuris vulpis), and adult tapeworm (Taenia pisiformis, Echinococcus multilocularis and Echinococcus granulosus) infections in dogs and puppies two pounds of body weight or greater and six weeks of age and older. INTERCEPTOR PLUS should be administered orally, once every month, at the minimum dosage of 0.23 mg/lb (0.5 mg/kg) milbemycin oxime, and 2.28 mg/lb (5 mg/kg) praziquantel. For heartworm prevention, give once monthly for at least 6 months after exposure to mosquitoes (see EFFECTIVENESS).

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Dogs may be exposed to and can become infected with roundworms, whipworms, hookworms, and tapeworms throughout the year, regardless of season or climate. Clients should be advised of appropriate measures to prevent reinfection of their dog with intestinal parasites. Because the prepatent period for E. multilocularis may be as short as 26 days, dogs treated at the labeled monthly intervals may become reinfected and shed eggs between treatments.

Contraindications

There are no known contraindications to the use of INTERCEPTOR PLUS.

Precautions

Treatment with fewer than 6 monthly doses after the last exposure to mosquitoes may not provide complete heartworm prevention (see EFFECTIVENESS). Prior to administration of INTERCEPTOR PLUS all dogs should be tested for existing heartworm infections. At the discretion of the veterinarian, infected dogs should be treated to remove adult heartworms. INTERCEPTOR PLUS is not effective against adult D. immitis. Mild, transient hypersensitivity reactions, such as labored breathing, vomiting, hypersalivation, and lethargy, have been noted in some dogs treated with milbemycin oxime carrying a high number of circulating microfilariae. These reactions are presumably caused by release of protein from dead or dying microfilariae. Do not use in puppies less than six weeks of age. Do not use in dogs or puppies less than two pounds of body weight. The safety of INTERCEPTOR PLUS has not been evaluated in dogs used for breeding or in lactating females. Studies have been performed with milbemycin oxime alone (see ANIMAL SAFETY).

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