

Summary of Product Characteristics

1 NAME OF THE VETERINARY MEDICINAL PRODUCT

Drontal Cat XL Film-coated Tablets

2 QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION

Each tablet contains:

Active substances

Pyrantel embonate	345	mg
Praziquantel	30	mg

For a full list of excipients see section 6.1.

3 PHARMACEUTICAL FORM

Film-coated tablet.

White to yellowish, ellipsoid, biconvex, unscored tablet.

4 CLINICAL PARTICULARS

4.1 Target Species

Cats.

4.2 Indications for use, specifying the target species

For the treatment of gastrointestinal roundworms and tapeworms: *Toxocara cati*, *Toxascaris leonina*, *Dipylidium caninum*, *Taenia taeniaeformis*.

4.3 Contraindications

Do not use simultaneously with piperazine compounds.

Not intended for use in kittens less than 6 weeks of age. Until sufficient studies have been performed with this combination, do not use during pregnancy.

4.4 Special warnings for each target species

Fleas serve as intermediate hosts for one common type of tapeworm – *Dipylidium caninum*. Tapeworm infestation is certain to re-occur unless control of intermediate hosts such as fleas, mice etc is undertaken.

As a precautionary measure to prevent the establishment of *E. multilocularis* in the UK or Ireland, it is recommended that all cats entering the country be treated with praziquantel.

4.5 Special precautions for use

Special precautions for use in animals

None known.

Special precautions to be taken by the person administering the veterinary medicinal product to animals

In the interests of good hygiene, persons administering the tablets directly to a cat, or by adding them to the cat's food, should wash their hands afterwards.

Any part-used tablets should be discarded.

4.6 Adverse reactions (frequency and seriousness)

Mild and transient digestive tract disorders such as hypersalivation and/or vomiting and mild and transient neurological disorders such as ataxia may occur in extremely rare cases.

4.7 Use during pregnancy, lactation or lay

Not to be used during pregnancy (see Section 4.3 above) but may be used during lactation.

4.8 Interaction with other medicinal products and other forms of interactions

Piperazine (see Section 4.3 above)

4.9 Amounts to be administered and administration route

Dosage

The recommended dose rates are: 57.5 mg/kg pyrantel embonate and 5 mg/kg praziquantel. This is equivalent to 1 tablet per 6 kg bodyweight.

Administration and Duration of Treatment

Single, oral administration. The tablet(s) should be given directly to the animal, but if necessary can be disguised in food.

4.10 Overdose (symptoms, emergency procedures, antidotes), if necessary

No information.

4.11 Withdrawal period(s)

Not applicable.

5 PHARMACOLOGICAL or IMMUNOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

Drontal Cat XL Tablet is an anthelmintic active against gastrointestinal roundworms and tapeworms.

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Pharmacotherapeutic Group: Anthelmintics, praziquantel combinations.

The product contains two active ingredients:

- 1) Pyrantel embonate (pamoate), a tetrahydropyrimidine derivative and
- 2) Praziquantel, a partially hydrogenated pyrazino-isoquinoline derivative, used widely as an anthelmintic for both human and veterinary use.

5.1 Pharmacodynamic properties

Pyrantel acts as a cholinergic agonist. Its mode of action is to stimulate nicotinic cholinergic receptors of the parasite, induce spastic paralysis and thereby allow expulsion from the gastro-intestinal (GI) system by peristalsis.

Praziquantel is very rapidly absorbed and distributed throughout the parasite. Both *in vivo* and *in vitro* studies have shown that praziquantel causes severe damage to the parasite integument, resulting in contraction and paralysis. There is an almost instantaneous tetanic contraction of the parasite musculature and a rapid vacuolisation of the syncytial tegument. This rapid contraction has been explained by changes in divalent cation fluxes, especially calcium.

In this fixed combination product the pyrantel is active against the following ascarids: *Toxocara cati* and *Toxascaris leonina*. The praziquantel is effective against tapeworms, in particular *Dipylidium caninum* and *Taenia taeniaeformis*.

The product has also been shown to be efficacious in the control of hookworms, *Ancylostoma tubaeforme* and *A. braziliense* and the tapeworm *Joyeuxiella pasqualei*, none of which occur naturally in the UK or Ireland, but may occasionally be found in imported animals. Praziquantel is effective against *Echinococcus multilocularis*. *E. multilocularis* does not occur in the UK or Ireland but is becoming more common in some European countries.

5.2 Pharmacokinetic particulars

No data available.

6 PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS

6.1 List of excipients

Maize starch
Cellulose microcrystalline
Povidone
Magnesium stearate
Silica colloidal anhydrous
Opadry White TF 276U280002

6.2 Major incompatibilities

None known.

6.3 Shelf-life

Shelf-life of the veterinary medicinal product as packaged for sale: 4 years.

6.4 Special precautions for storage

Do not store above 25°C. Do not remove tablets from strip packing until required for use.

6.5 Nature and composition of immediate packaging

Container material: Polyethylene-coated aluminium blister.
Closure: Heat seal
Container colour: Silver or white coloured
Container sizes: Cartons containing 2, 8, 16, 48 and 96 tablets in strips of 2 or 8 tablets.

Not all packs may be marketed.

6.6 Special precautions for the disposal of unused veterinary medicinal products or waste materials derived from the use of such products

Any unused veterinary medicinal product or waste material materials derived from such veterinary medicinal product should be disposed of in accordance with local requirements.

7 MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER

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