

Granofen Wormer for Dogs and Cats

Introduction



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Presentation

A 22% granule formulation of fenbendazole as a ready to administer oral anthelmintic for dogs and cats. 1g Granofen Wormer for Dogs and Cats contains 0.22g active ingredient fenbendazole. Sachets of 1, 2 and 4g are available.

Uses

A broad spectrum anthelmintic for the treatment of domestic dogs and cats infected with immature and mature stages of nematodes of the gastro-intestinal and respiratory tracts. Granofen also has an ovicidal effect on nematode eggs.

Adult dogs and cats

For the treatment of adult dogs and cats infected with gastro-intestinal nematodes and cestodes: *Ascarid* spp (*Toxocara canis*, *Toxocara cati* and *Toxocara leonina*), *Ancylostoma* spp, *Trichuris* spp, *Uncinaria* spp and *Taenia* spp

Puppies and kittens

For the treatment of weaned puppies and kittens infected with gastro-intestinal nematodes.

Pregnant bitches

For the treatment of pregnant bitches to reduce prenatal infections of *Toxocara canis* and the transfer of *T canis* and *A caninum* to their pups via the milk.

Also for the treatment of dogs infected with lungworm *Oslerus (Filaroides) osleri*, and cats infected with lungworm *Aelurostrongylus abstrusus*.

Dosage and administration

Routine treatment of dogs and cats:

Administer 1g Granofen Wormer for Dogs and Cats per 2.2kg(5lb) body weight as a single dose (100mg fenbendazole/kg bodyweight).

Practical dosage recommendations:

2.2 to 4.4kg	(5-10lb)	2grams
4.5 to 8.8kg	(10-20lb)	4grams
8.9 to 13.2kg	(20-30lb)	6grams
13.3 to 22kg	(30-50lb)	10grams
22.1 to 35.2kg	(50-80lb)	16grams
35.3-50kg	(80-110lb)	22grams

For dogs weighing over 50kg (110lb) an extra 1g is required for each additional 2.2kg bodyweight.

The dose should be administered by mixing into the feed.

Treatment should be repeated when natural reinfection with parasitic worms occur. Routine treatment of adult animals with minimal exposure to infection is advisable 2 to 4 times per year. More frequent treatment, at 6 to 8 weekly intervals is advisable for dogs in kennels.

Weaned puppies and kittens under six months of age:

Administer 1g Granofen Wormer for Dogs and Cats per 4.4kg (10lb) bodyweight daily for 3 consecutive days mixed into the feed (50mg fenbendazole/kg bodyweight daily for 3 days).

Practical dosage recommendations:

2.2 to 4.4kg	(5-10lb)	1 gram daily for 3 days
4.5 to 8.8kg	(10-20lb)	2 grams daily for 3 days
8.9 to 13.2kg	(20-30lb)	3 grams daily for 3 days
13.3 to 22kg	(30-50lb)	5 grams daily for 3 days

For dogs/puppies weighing over 22kg (50lb), an extra 1g is required daily for each additional 4.4kg (10lb) bodyweight.

Puppies should be treated at 2 weeks of age, 5weeks of age and again before leaving the breeder's premises.

Treatment may also be required at 8 and 12 weeks of age. Thereafter, frequency of treatment can be reduced unless the pups remain in kennels where reinfestation occurs more readily.

Pregnant bitches: 1g Granofen Wormer for Dogs and Cats per 8.8kg (20lb) bodyweight daily from day 40 of pregnancy continuously to 2 days post-whelping (approximately 25 days) (25mg fenbendazole/kg bodyweight daily).

Practical dosage recommendations:

8.8kg	(20lb)	1g daily for approx 25 days
17.6kg	(40lb)	2g daily for approx 25 days
26.4kg	(60lb)	3g daily for approx 25 days
35.2kg	(80lb)	4g daily for approx 25 days
45kg	(100lb)	5g daily for approx 25 days

For bitches weighing over 45kg, an extra 1g is required daily for each additional 8.8kg (20lb) bodyweight.

Increasing dosing for specific infections: For the control of lungworm *Oslerus (Filaroides) osleri* in dogs administer 1g Granofen Wormer for Dogs and Cats per 4.4kg (10lb) bodyweight daily for 7 consecutive days (50mg fenbendazole/kg bodyweight daily for 7 days).

A repeat course of treatment may be required in some cases.

For the control of lungworm *Aelurostrongylus abstrusus* in cats administer 0.4g Granofen Wormer for Dogs and Cats per 4.4kg (10lb) bodyweight daily for 5 consecutive days (20mg fenbendazole/kg bodyweight for 5 days).

For the treatment of clinical worm infestations in dogs and cats administer 1g Granofen Wormer for Dogs and Cats per 4.4kg (10lb) bodyweight daily for 3 consecutive days (50mg fenbendazole/kg bodyweight daily for 3 days).

Contra-indications, warnings, etc

Operator warnings

Direct contact with the skin should be kept to a minimum. Avoid inhalation of dust. Wash hands after use.

Environmental warnings

Dispose of used containers and sachets safely.

For animal treatment only.

Not to be used in cases of known hypersensitivity to the active ingredient

Keep out of the reach of children. Assess bodyweight as accurately as possible before calculating the dosage.

Pharmaceutical precautions

Store in a dry place.

Legal category

NFA-VPS (previously PML)

Packaging Quantities

Cartons of 180 × 1g, 120 × 2g sachets, 100 × 4g sachets.

Further information

Fenbendazole belongs to the benzimidazole (1-BZ) class of anthelmintics.

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