

Fenbendazole

Panacur and Safe-Guard are other names for this medication.

How Is This Medication Useful?

Fenbendazole is an orally administered anthelmintic (wormer) that is effective against a variety of internal parasites in several different species, including hookworms, roundworms, whipworms and a number of flukes.

Are There Conditions or Times When Its Use Might Cause More Harm Than Good?

- Safe doses are very different for each species. Make sure that you are using the correct dose for your animal.
- Fenbendazole has been shown to promote liver tumors in laboratory rats. No such association has been observed in dogs or cats.

What Side Effects Can Be Seen With Its Use?

- In dogs and cats, vomiting may sometimes occur after administering this medication.
- Rarely, animals may develop allergic reactions after receiving this medication especially at higher dosages. This is due to large numbers of dying parasites releasing antigens inside the treated animal.

How Should It Be Given?

- Successful treatment with this medication requires dosing for at least 3 successive days. Certain parasites may require treatment for up to 2 weeks, and this drug should be given exactly as your veterinarian prescribes. Please do not skip doses or stop giving the medication, or re-treatment may be necessary.
- If you miss a dose of this medication you should give it as soon as you remember it, but if it is within a few hours of the regularly scheduled dose, wait and give it at the regular time; if doses are skipped, therapy may need to be extended or repeated. Do not double dose, as this will not increase the effectiveness of the treatment, and may be toxic to your pet.
- If you have difficulty administering this medication, consult your veterinarian or pharmacist, who can offer administration techniques or change the dosage form to a type of medication that may be more acceptable to you and your animal.
- Some other drugs can interact with this medication, so tell your veterinarian about any drugs or foods that you currently give your animal. Do not give new foods or medications without first asking your veterinarian.
- Dogs and Cats: Dogs and cats usually receive this drug once daily as a liquid by mouth, or as granules sprinkled on food. Treatment for most parasites must last for at least 3 consecutive days. Single doses do not work. Your veterinarian may ask you to also give several more days of the drug again in 2-3 weeks to kill the rest of the parasites, as the next generation of eggs hatch out.

What Other Information Is Important About This Medication?

- Fenbendazole should be stored at room temperature in a tight, childproof container, away from all children and other household pets.

References:

Plumb's Veterinary Drug Handbook