

## **SUMMARY OF PRODUCT CHARACTERISTICS**

### **1. NAME OF THE VETERINARY MEDICINAL PRODUCT**

Drontal Cat Film-coated Tablets

### **2. QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION**

<b>Active Constituents</b>	<b>mg per tablet</b>
Pyrantel Embonate	230.0
Praziquantel	20.0

#### **Relevant Constituents of the Excipients**

Titanium Dioxide E171	1.8 mg
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For full list of excipients, see section 6.1

### **3. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM**

Film-coated tablet.

White to yellowish scored coated tablet. The tablet can be divided into equal halves.

### **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.  
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 *Echinococcus multilocularis* in the UK and Ireland, it is recommended that all dogs and cats entering the country be treated with praziquantel.

#### **4.5 Special precautions for use**

- i. Special precautions for use in animals

None.

- ii. Special precautions to be taken by the person administering the 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.

#### **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 and lactation**

Not to be used during pregnancy but may be used during lactation.

#### **4.8 Interaction with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction**

Do not use simultaneously with piperazine compounds.

#### **4.9 Amount(s) 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 4 kg bodyweight.

2 kg bodyweight	½ tablet
4 kg bodyweight	1 tablet
6 kg bodyweight	1 ½ tablets

##### *Administration and Duration of Treatment*

Single oral administration. The tablet 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 PROPERTIES**

An anthelmintic active against gastrointestinal roundworms and tapeworms. The product contains two active ingredients:

1. Pyrantel embonate (pamoate) a tetrahydropyrimidine derivative and
2. Praziquantel, a partially hydrogenated pyrazino-isoquinoline derivative

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**Pharmacotherapeutic Group:** Anthelmintics, Praziquantel combinations.

#### **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 gastrointestinal (GI) system by peristalsis.

Praziquantel is very rapidly absorbed into 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 pyrantel is active against the following ascarids: *Toxocara cati* and *Toxascaris leonina*. 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. Since it contains praziquantel, the product is effective against *Echinococcus multilocularis*, which does not occur in the UK or Ireland but is becoming more common in some European countries.

## **5.2 Pharmacokinetic properties**

No data available.

## **6. PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS**

### **6.1 List of excipients**

Titanium dioxide E171  
Maize starch  
Microcrystalline cellulose  
Povidone K25  
Magnesium stearate  
Silica colloidal anhydrous  
Hypromellose  
Polyethylene glycol

### **6.2 Incompatibilities**

Not applicable.

### **6.3 Shelf-life**

Shelf-life of the veterinary medicinal product as packaged for sale: 5 years.

### **6.4 Special precautions for storage**

Do not store above 25°C.  
Do not remove tablets from strip packaging until required for use.  
Any part used tablets should be discarded.

### **6.5 Nature and composition of immediate packaging**

Container material:	Aluminium foil blister of polyethylene coated aluminium blister
Closure:	Heat seal
Container colour:	Silver or white coloured
Container sizes:	Cartons containing 2, 24 or 96 tablets. Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

### **6.6 Special precautions for the disposal of unused veterinary medicinal product or waste materials derived from the use of such products, if appropriate**

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

**7. MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER**

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**8. MARKETING AUTHORISATION NUMBER**

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**9. DATE OF FIRST AUTHORISATION**

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**10. DATE OF LAST REVISION OF THE TEXT**

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