

WORM AND FLEA TREATMENTS

There are many parasite treatments available to you. It is not necessarily a 'best' option; it is more a case of which one is most suitable for the lifestyle and risks the pet may encounter. We hope this guide will help you make your decision.

Firstly, let us take this opportunity to strongly suggest the use of a Prescription Only Medicine. A POM product undergoes a lengthy licensing process prior to its release. Pharmaceutical companies spend millions scrutinizing the efficacy (the ability to say what it does on the packet!) and the safety of the product. This means that you will get better value for money, as you know it will work and you can be safe in the knowledge that their safety will not be compromised.

Bravecto

- Treats fleas and ticks.
- Given once every 3 months.
- Tasty chewable tablet – can be given whole/crushed.
- Not to be used on puppies weighing less than 2kg or less than 8 weeks old.
- Safe to be used in breeding, pregnant or lactating dogs.
- Comes in the following sizes; 2-4.5kg, 4.5-10kg, 10-20kg, 20-40kg, 40-56kg.
For dogs above 56kg bodyweight, use a combination of two tablets that most closely match the bodyweight.

This option is excellent for those that swim as it avoids a topical application!

This option does not cover for worms so it is recommended that you worm monthly to cover for roundworms, lungworm and tapeworm. Milbemax is an appropriate wormer to use alongside Bravecto.

Prinovox

- Prinovox includes exactly the same ingredients as Advocate. It is directly compatible.
- Treats fleas, mites, lice, roundworms, lungworm, heartworm.
- Apply monthly.
- Spot on solution on skin.
- Should not be used on puppies less than 7 weeks old or those weighing less than 1kg.
- This is not a safe product for breeding, pregnant or lactating dogs.
- Comes in the following sizes; less than 4kg, 4-10kg, 10-25kg, 25-40kg.
For dogs weighing over 40kg use a combination of two spot on treatments that most closely matches the bodyweight.
- This option is an excellent all-rounder. The only two parasites not covered by its use are ticks

and tapeworms. Ticks can be covered by the concurrent use of a Seresto collar or removed using a tick remover. Tapeworms should be treated every 3 months with a separate wormer, Drontal.

- Dogs should be kept away from water for 48 hours.
- Brief contact of the animal with water on one or two occasions between monthly treatments is unlikely to significantly reduce the efficacy of the product. However, frequent shampooing or immersion of the animal in water after treatment may reduce the efficacy of the product. As a result it is less suitable for frequent swimmers!

Advantix

- Treats fleas, some lice and ticks.
- Repels sand flies, mosquitoes, stable flies and ticks.
- Apply monthly.
- Spot on solution on skin.
- Should not be used on puppies less than 7 weeks old or less than 1.5kg in weight.
- This product is safe for breeding, pregnant or lactating dogs.
- Comes in the following sizes; less than 4kg, 4-10kg, 10-25kg, 25-40kg.
For dogs weighing over 40kg use a combination of two spot on treatments that most closely match the bodyweight.
- This option does not have any action against worms. Like Bravecto, Advantix should be used alongside a monthly wormer. Both Milbemax and Drontal are suitable to use alongside Advantix.
- The dog should be kept away from water for 48 hours.
- Brief contact of the animal with water on one or two occasions between monthly treatments is unlikely to significantly reduce the efficacy of the product. However, frequent shampooing or immersion of the animal in water after treatment may reduce the efficacy of the product. As a result it is less suitable for frequent swimmers!
- This product is extremely toxic to cats, if your cat rubs/licks the application site it could result in death.

Seresto collar

- Treats fleas and ticks.
- Apply collar once every 8 months.
- Should not be used in kittens less than 10 weeks old or puppies less than 7 weeks old.
- Should not be used for breeding, pregnant or lactating animals.

- The product is water resistant; it remains effective if the animal becomes wet. However, prolonged, intense exposure to water or extensive shampooing should be avoided as the duration of activity may be reduced. Studies show that monthly shampooing or water immersion does not significantly shorten the 8 months efficacy duration for ticks. However, the product's flea efficacy does gradually decrease, starting in the 5th month.
- This product should be used alongside a monthly wormer; both Milbemax and Drontal are appropriate.

Nexguard

- Treats fleas and ticks.
- Chewable tablet given once monthly – with/without food.
- Should not be used for puppies under 8 weeks old or those weighing less than 2kg.
- Should not be used in breeding, pregnant or lactating dogs.
- Comes in the following sizes; 2-4kg, 4-10kg, 10-25kg, 25-50kg.

For those weighing more than 50kg the appropriate combination of tablets should be used. Tablets should not be divided.

This product should be used alongside a monthly wormer, Milbemax or Drontal are both suitable.

Indorex

Indorex is a household spray for the treatment and prevention of flea infestations. It is proven that the fleas seen on the dog at any one time only represent 5% of the population as 95% reside within the house – between floorboards, skirting boards, carpets and sofas! It is therefore wise to treat the house periodically. There is no set interval but once a year would be adequate with an extra treatment in event of an outbreak.

Worming

Worming should be done as frequently as required. This sounds vague but it does depend on the level of exposure and also on the flea product used as some treat certain types of worms.

The wormers we sell at Molecare are Milbemax and Drontal.

Drontal

- Treats all gastrointestinal worms, does not have any cover for lungworm or heartworm.
- Chewable tablet given at the interval recommended alongside the type of flea product used as some flea products will cover for certain type of worms.
- Should not be used in breeding or pregnant animals but can be used during lactation.
- Should not be used in those less than 6 weeks old or less than 2 kg.

Milbemax

- Treats all types of worms, including prevention against lungworm when administered monthly.
- Chewable tablet – should be administered with or after some food.
- Studies with the active ingredient indicate that the margin of safety in certain dogs of Collie or related breeds is less than in other breeds. In these dogs, the recommended dose should be strictly observed.
- Milbemax is safe in breeding, pregnant or lactating dogs.