

Avitrol Plus Bird Wormer Tablets

COMPOSITION: Levamisole hydrochloride 20mg, Praziquantel 4mg

ACTIONS: Anthelmintic. The major mode of action of Levamisole is on the cholinergic receptor of the neuromuscular junction, causing paralysis of the parasite. Levamisole has been shown to inhibit fumarate reductase and to affect the rate of incorporation of glucose into glycogen.

Praziquantel is a highly specific cestocidal drug that acts by damaging the tegument, inhibiting glucose uptake and stimulating lactate release. Tapeworms are destroyed in situ.

INDICATIONS: Threadworm (*Capillaria* sp.), caecal worm (*Heterakis* sp.), roundworm (*Ascaridia* sp.), gape worm (*Syngamus* sp.), gizzard worm (*Acuaria* sp.) and tapeworm (*Raillietina* sp.) in caged birds over 250g in bodyweight.

CONTRAINDICATIONS: Administration to species or strains of birds known to be sensitive to the effects of levamisole.

PRECAUTIONS: Parrots appear to be less tolerant than pigeons to levamisole. Do not dose in extremely hot, dry weather or treat stressed birds, or birds that are feeding young. Treatment during the breeding season or racing pigeons is not recommended.

Vomiting may occur (see Adverse Reactions). To reduce the likelihood of vomiting, do not handle birds for at least ten minutes after treatment.

If worm problems persist consult a veterinarian.

SAFETY DIRECTIONS: Harmful if swallowed. Avoid contact with eyes and skin. Wash hands after use.

FIRST AID: If poisoning occurs, contact a doctor or Poisons Information Centre. Phone Australia 131 126.

DISPOSAL: Dispose of empty container by wrapping in paper and placing in garbage.

WITHHOLDING PERIODS: Do not use in food producing species.

ADVERSE REACTIONS: Side effects include regurgitation (which is not considered to be harmful), incoordination, leg and wing paresis; atropine has been used as an antidote. Deaths of birds up to two days after dosing have been attributed to obstruction from massive roundworm infestation.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION: Administer orally directly into the throat at the rate of Levamisole hydrochloride 40mg/Kg bodyweight and Praziquantel 8mg/Kg bodyweight, as follows.

250 to 500g bodyweight. ½ tablet. 500 to 750g body weight. 1 tablet. 750g to 1Kg bodyweight. 1½ tablets. Do not feed Birds for 24 hours before or three hours after treatment.

All birds in the same loft or cage should be treated and the loft or cage cleaned and disinfected three days after treatment.

PRESENTATION: Tablets (White): 100's

STORAGE: Store below 30°C (Room temperature). Protect from light. Reseal lid tightly after use.

POISONS SCHEDULE : S5.

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