

Lapizole®

Introduction



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Small Animal Exemption Scheme (SAES) product

Qualitative and quantitative composition

Fenbendazole 20 mg/ml. Aniseed flavour.

Pharmaceutical form

Palatable aqueous suspension for oral administration.

Clinical particulars

Target species

Rabbits, birds, reptiles and ferrets.

Indications for use

Prevents and treats common internal parasites of rabbits, birds, reptiles and ferrets, susceptible to fenbendazole including *E. cuniculi*.

Contraindications

Lapizole is only for use in rabbits, birds, reptiles and ferrets. Do not use in animals other than those indicated.

Special warnings for each target species

In birds, fenbendazole can cause intestinal problems and inhibit bone marrow production. Do not use in nestlings/growing birds or those in moult. In some mammalian species, high doses of fenbendazole can lead to bone marrow suppression, gastrointestinal tract irritation and problems in pregnancy. Do not overdose. As with all veterinary medicines, occasional instances of allergic response due to prior sensitisation, drug intolerance and idiosyncratic reactions may occur.

Special precautions for use

If you are uncertain about the condition of your pet, consult a veterinary surgeon. If symptoms persist, consult a veterinary surgeon.

For animal treatment only.

Special precautions to be taken by the person administering the product

Avoid contact with the skin. Wash hands with soap and water following treatment.

Use during pregnancy and lactation

No data available. Do not use in pregnant animals.

Interactions

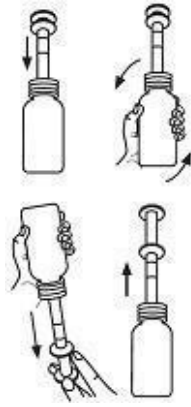
None known.

Amounts to be administered and administration route

Weigh animal carefully before administration to accurately assess the appropriate dose.

Shake the bottle well before each daily administration.

For easy administration hold the animal firmly but gently and place the tip of the dosing syringe in the side of the animal's mouth. Push the plunger all the way up to empty the syringe into the mouth. Do not overdose.



Using the easy dose syringe:

Remove the cap and peel off the foil bottle covering.

Place the plastic plug into the neck of the bottle.

Push the syringe firmly into the plug (hole) in the neck of the bottle.

Turn the bottle upside down. Whilst holding the syringe in place, gently pull the plunger, drawing the liquid to the correct mark on the syringe.

Turn the bottle the right way up and remove the syringe from the plug by gently twisting the syringe.

After use, replace the cap. Wash the syringe in warm water and allow to dry.

Dosing		
Species / Indication	Amount of Lapizole to administer	Equivalent fenbendazole dose rate
Rabbits: treatment/prevention <i>E. Cuniculi</i>	1 ml/kg daily for 28 days	20 mg/kg
Rabbits: routine worming	1 ml/kg daily for 5 days Repeat every 3 months	20 mg/kg
Ferrets: routine worming	1 ml/kg daily for 5 days Repeat every 3 months	20 mg/kg
Pigeons: routine worming	0.5 ml per bird for 3 days	10 mg per bird
Exotic birds - all species: routine worming	1 ml/kg: mix in a small quantity feed then add to daily ration daily for 7 days	20 mg/kg
Reptiles - lizards and snakes	2.5 ml/kg daily for 7 days	50 mg/kg
Reptiles - tortoises	De-worm after faecal screening for parasites. 1 ml/kg (20 mg/kg) once per week for up to 4 weeks	20 mg/kg

Withdrawal period

Not applicable. For pet animals only. Do not use in animals intended for human consumption.

Pharmacological properties

Lapizole is a broad spectrum anti-parasiticide for oral administration, for the prevention and treatment of infections caused by internal parasites of rabbits, birds, reptiles and ferrets including *Encephalitozoon cuniculi*.

Pharmaceutical particulars

Incompatibilities

None known.

Special precautions for storage

Do not store above 25°C. Do not freeze. Keep out of direct sunlight.

Keep out of the reach and sight of children.

Immediate packaging

Polypropylene container containing 100 ml of suspension and a dosing syringe.

Disposal

After use dispose of empty container with domestic refuse.

Wholesaler dealer's authorisation number

WDA 1732.

Further information

E. cuniculi is a protozoal parasite of rabbits which affects the nervous and urinary systems and can cause a number of clinical signs. These include, but are not limited to, head tilt, hind limb paralysis or weakness, eye problems and death. It is a common

parasite which is frequently sub-clinical but over 50 % of animals are seropositive. *E. cuniculi* is zoonotic and presents a particular risk to individuals who may be immunocompromised. Published data on the efficacy of fenbendazole in the treatment and prevention of *E. cuniculi* in rabbits indicate that a minimum treatment period of 28 consecutive days at 20 mg/kg body weight is required for adequate control.

Legal category

SAES (This veterinary medicine is marketed in accordance with the Small Animal Exemption Scheme.)

Significant Changes