

ECONOMICAL TREATMENT OF PARASITIC WORMS

Ivermectin for Heart Worm Prevention

For heartworm prevention I use Noromectin which is a brand name of ivermectin. Ivermectin is commonly used to treat cattle and swine for round worms, sucking worms, mange mites and lung worms. For dogs you must be certain that your using a 1% sterile solution.

Like any other treatment used for farm animals, you must be positive you administer the correct dose. Using a 1% ivermectin solution, the proper dose for dogs is .1 cc of 1% solution ivermectin for every 10 pounds of body weight. For example a 50 pound dog would get a dose of .5 cc. Ivermectin must be kept refrigerated to maintain its shelf life.

Ivermectin can be administered orally or by injection. I prefer to give it orally mixed with food. I also dilute appropriately and use it as mite and parasitic worm protection for rabbits and pigeons.

A 50 ml bottle costs around \$35.00 and has a shelf life of about 2 years. Doing the math, that's about \$1.45 per month for heart worm treatment and that's if you only own one dog. For each additional dog you have you can divide that figure by half.

For perspective, assuming a 50 Lb dog, there are 100 monthly doses in a 50 ml bottle. That's 35 cents per dose. If you want to reduce cost even further, consider splitting the bottle with a friend which would reduce the cost for heart worm prevention by half again. Always consult your Veterinarian before using any product containing ivermectin. Note: 1 cc equals 1 ml



Fenbendazole for the Treatment of Tapeworms, Hook worms, Whip Worms and Round Worms

I use Safe-guard 10% suspension Goat dewormer for treatment of a variety of Tape worms and others.

After spending \$35.00 for one Droncit prescription for a single treatment of tape worms, which did not work. I decided that I needed to find something that is effective but less expensive.

A friend of mine recommended Safe-guard Goat dewormer. The active ingredient is fenbendazole 10% suspension.

Upon researching fenbendazole on the internet, I found that many kennels use Safe-guard cattle/goat dewormer for the treatment of tape worms and a wide variety of parasitic worms.

Using the exact product in a 10% Suspension, the recommended dose

for dogs is 1 cc per 5lb of body weight given orally on 3 consecutive days.

The dewormer is in liquid form and has a similar consistency to that of milk of magnesia.

The best way to measure and administer it is with a 10 cc syringe.

You can purchase product such as this one at most full service farm feed stores. Syringes too!

I've found that "Tractor Supply" stores have the largest selection of this and other products for animal health. The cost of this product is around \$17.00 for 125 ml. The product can be used on both dogs and puppies, and is available in larger volumes.

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