

# DOCTORS FOSTER<sup>and</sup>SMITH<sup>®</sup> PHARMACY

## Patient Information Sheet

PO Box 100, Rhinelander WI 54501  
For questions or to consult with a pharmacist, call 1-800-447-3021 Mon-Fri from 9am-6pm CST and Sat from 9am-1pm CST. If you have an emergency situation, please contact your local veterinarian immediately.

## Praziquantel

(Droncit<sup>®</sup>, Drontal<sup>®</sup>, Drontal Plus<sup>®</sup>, Tradewinds<sup>™</sup> Tape Worm Tabs, D-Worm<sup>™</sup>)

### Common Drug Name

Praziquantel

### Common Brand Names

#### Single Ingredient Products

Droncit<sup>®</sup> Cestocide Tablets  
Droncit<sup>®</sup> Injectable for Dogs and Cats  
Tradewinds<sup>™</sup> Tape Worm Tabs (non-prescription)  
D-Worm<sup>™</sup> (non-prescription)

#### Combination Products

Drontal Plus<sup>®</sup> (for dogs) also contains pyrantel pamoate and febantel  
Drontal<sup>®</sup> (for cats and kittens) also contains pyrantel pamoate

Generic products are available.

### Storage

Store at room temperature in a tight, light resistant, childproof container.

### Uses

Dogs: Praziquantel is used for the removal of tapeworm. Products containing pyrantel pamoate and febantel also remove hookworms, roundworms, and whipworms.

Cats: Praziquantel is used for the removal of tapeworm. Products containing pyrantel pamoate also remove various types of hookworms and roundworms.

#### Ferrets, Birds, Chinchillas, Mice, Rats, Hamsters, Gerbils, and Guinea Pigs:

Praziquantel is used for the removal of tapeworms.

Reptiles: Praziquantel is used for the removal of tapeworms and flukes.

### Dose and Administration

Always follow the dosage instructions provided by your veterinarian. If you have difficulty giving the medication, contact your veterinarian.

Tablets are given by mouth. Tablets may be crumbled and mixed with a small amount of food. This should be eaten before the pet receives the remainder of the meal to ensure

the entire amount of medication is ingested. Fasting is neither necessary nor recommended.

Dose varies by product. Depending on the parasite being treated and the likelihood of recurrence, the treatment may need to be repeated or given on a regular basis.

The injectable form is given in the muscle (IM) or, subcutaneously (under the skin).

If you miss a dose, give it as soon as your remember. IF it is almost time for the next dose, skip the one you missed and go back to the regular schedule. Do not give 2 doses at once.

This medication should only be given to the pet for whom it was prescribed.

### Possible Side Effects

If you observe any of the side effects below, contact your veterinarian.

Oral form: Side effects are rare, but may include drooling, vomiting, loss of appetite, diarrhea, lethargy, or staggering.

Injectable form in Dogs: Brief pain at the injection site, vomiting, and a brief period of incoordination have been observed.

Injectable form in Cats: Swelling at the injection site, vomiting, diarrhea, weakness, salivation, sleepiness, and temporary loss of appetite may be seen.

If your pet has a large number of tapeworms, they may pass out with the feces. Usually, however, they are digested, and will not be seen.

If your pet experiences an allergic reaction to the medication, signs may include facial swelling, hives, scratching, sudden onset of diarrhea, vomiting, shock, seizures, pale gums, cold limbs, or coma. If you observe any of these signs, contact your veterinarian immediately.

### Precautions

Not for use in animals who are hypersensitive (allergic) to it.

Praziquantel is safe to use in pregnant animals. Do not use Drontal Plus<sup>®</sup> in pregnant animals since it contains febantel.

Dogs and Cats: Unless authorized by your veterinarian, do not use in puppies less than 3 weeks of age or dogs weighing less than 2 pounds; or in kittens less than one month of age or weighing less than 1.5 pounds.

Birds: The injectable form is toxic in finches.

Consult with your veterinarian regarding physical examinations and laboratory testing necessary prior to and during treatment with praziquantel.

### Human Precautions

Some intestinal parasites may be zoonotic (able to infect humans). Consult your veterinarian or physician on how to prevent human infection and reinfection of your pet.

### Drug, Food and Test Interactions

Consult your veterinarian before using praziquantel with any other medications, including vitamins and supplements, and other dewormers, since interactions may occur.

Side effects may be more common if using the pyrantel pamoate combination products at the same time as organophosphates (found in flea and tick products) or diethylcarbamazine (once-a-day heartworm preventive).

### Signs of Toxicity/Overdose

May see salivation, vomiting, diarrhea, loss of appetite, muscle tremors, or depression.

If you know or suspect your pet has had an overdose, or if you observe any of these signs in your pet, contact your veterinarian immediately.

*Keep this and all other medications out of the reach of children and pets.*