

JOHNSON'S VETERINARY PRODUCTS LTD

**SUMMARY OF PRODUCT CHARACTERISTICS**

1. NAME OF THE VETERINARY MEDICINAL PRODUCT:

Johnson's Easy Tape-Wormer for Cats.

2. QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION:

Active ingredient Dichlorophen 250mg per tablet.

Also contains Quinoline yellow (E104), Sunset yellow (E110) and Titanium dioxide (E171).

3. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM:

Film coated tablet.

4. PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES:

Dichlorophen is an anthelmintic used in the treatment of infection by tapeworms in dogs and cats. It is given orally in tablet form for the treatment of Taeniasis and Dipylidiasis infections, and the recommended dose for dogs is up to 300mg per kilogram bodyweight and for cats is between 100 – 200mg per kilogram bodyweight.

The mode of action is believed to act like salicylanilides by interfering with oxydative phosphorylation. Affected tapeworms are dislodged and disintegrate during their passage along the alimentary tract so they are not easily recognisable when passed 6-8 hours after dosing.

Occasional vomiting and diarrhoea may occur at above the normal recommended dose. There are no additional signs of toxicity at doses up to 1000mg per kg bodyweight, but at doses higher than these, nervous tremors, dullness, depression and diarrhoea can occur. Loss of weight and appetite may also occur. The minimum lethal dose is between 2000 and 3900mg per kg bodyweight.

ATC Vet Code QP52AG01.

5. CLINICAL PARTICULARS:

5.1 Target Species:

Cats over 6 months of age.

5.2 Indications for Use:

For the control of Tapeworms (Taenia and Dipylidium but not Echinococcus) in cats and kittens over six months of age.

5.3 Contra-Indications:

Do not use on cats under 6 months of age.  
Do not use on kittens under 6 months of age.  
Do not use on pregnant or nursing queens.

5.4 Undesirable effects:

If animal is particularly sensitive, the following short term effects may occur after giving these tablets – occasional sickness or vomiting, and slight transient loss of co-ordination, including weakness of limbs and unsteadiness, in which case consult a Veterinary Surgeon promptly, taking this packaging with you.

5.5 Special Precautions for Use:

Do not exceed the stated dose – accurate weighing of animal prior to dosing is essential.

Do not administer more than 2 or 3 tablets as a single dose – remainder of dose should be administered several hours later if no adverse reaction has occurred.

Do not repeat treatment if vomiting occurs shortly after dosing.

5.6 Use during pregnancy and lactation:

Do not use on pregnant or nursing queens

5.7 Interaction with other medicaments and other forms of interaction:

None reported.

5.8 Posology and method of administration:

Give the number of tablets as below immediately before a normal meal. Slip tablet on to back of tongue, hold mouth closed and gently stroke neck until swallowed. The tablets may be smeared with butter for easier administration.

**ACCURATE WEIGHING OF ANIMAL PRIOR TO DOSING IS ESSENTIAL.**

TAPEWORM TREATMENT FOR CATS OVER 6 MONTHS OF AGE, WITH MINIMUM BODYWEIGHT OF 1.25kg (2.75lb)

1 tablet per 1.25kg (2.75lb) bodyweight.

**The following table may be used as a guide:**

Cat's weight: Up to 1.25kg (2¾lb) bodyweight: Consult Veterinary Surgeon

2.0kg ( 4lb) 1 tablet

3.0kg ( 7lb) 2 tablets

4.2kg ( 9lb) 3 tablets \*

5.5kg (12lb) 4 tablets \*

6.9kg (15lb) 5 tablets \*

\* Do not administer more than 2 or 3 tablets as a single dose - remainder of dose should be administered several hours later if no adverse reaction has occurred. Keep animals under observation for several hours after dosing to ensure that tablets are ingested. Some animals vomit at will after administration of medicines, in which case do not repeat treatment if vomiting occurs shortly after dosing.

A repeat dose may sometimes be necessary, but if required should not be given until 2 to 3 weeks later. These tablets disintegrate the worms and no trace is usually seen after dosing.

5.9 Overdose (symptoms, emergency procedures, antidotes) (if necessary):

Nervous signs, dullness and diarrhoea may occur. Treatment is symptomatic.

5.10 Special warnings for each target species:

It is advisable to consult a Veterinary Surgeon before treating pregnant animals and those with a history of epilepsy or disease of the kidneys. If signs of disease persist or appear, consult your Veterinary Surgeon.

5.11 Withdrawal periods:

Not applicable to companion animals.

5.12 Special precautions to be taken by the person administering the medicinal product to animals:

Wash hands after handling tablets.  
In case of accidental ingestion, drink plenty of water and seek medical advice.

6. PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS:

6.1 Incompatibilities (major):

6.2 Shelf-life:

3 years.

6.3 Special precautions for storage:

Do not store above 25°C. Store in a dry place.  
Protect from light.

6.4 Nature and contents of container:

6 yellow film-coated biconvex circular tablets packed in the following:

- A) Container: Clear colourless regenerated cellulose/cellulose/polyurethane/  
polyethylene laminate strip-pack.  
B) Container: Clear colourless polyvinylchloride/polyvinylidene chloride/  
aluminium foil blister pack.

6.5 Special precautions for the disposal of unused product or waste materials, if any:

None.

7.0 Additional Information

Name and Address of the Marketing Authorisation Holder:

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Conditions of supply: GSL

May be sold or supplied otherwise than by or under the supervision of a pharmacist as a medicinal product on a General Sales List.

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