

Intestinal Parasites and your foster dog

Pointer Rescue Org. has determined that we will take the approach of strategic deworming when it comes to all foster dogs. Most dogs we take in come from unknown histories so we feel it is best to assume that they may have some sort of internal parasite and treat accordingly.

The schedule we will follow for every dog that enters our care is below:

- First week of arrival (3 day regimen)
- Fourth week of arrival (3 day regimen)
- Repeat monthly if severe infestation is suspected.
- Every 6 months thereafter (we suggest just getting into a schedule of strategically deworming any dogs in your care every January and July)

With strategic deworming there is no need for fecal exams to be done or dewormers to be purchased from your vet. If your foster dog is having excessive intestinal issues that the strategic deworming does not fix, you should talk to your foster mentor or a foster coordinator.

For deworming, vets use Panacur, what we are suggesting is a dewormer with the EXACT SAME INGREDIENTS, but at a fraction of the price. This dewormer is reimbursable (if the bottle is used for foster dogs only, not personal dogs).

The dewormer we want you to use is called **Durvet Safeguard Goat Dewormer**. The active ingredient is FENBENDAZOLE.

You may purchase this dewormer on Amazon for \$21 at:

http://smile.amazon.com/dp/B000HHLVB8/ref=wl_it_dp_o_pC_nS_ttl?_encoding=UTF8&colid=1LGQ3C39QLJ32&coliid=I1COXEXGOHXTX8

You may also purchase this dewormer in your local farm store (like Tractor Supply Co).

One bottle will deworm an average Pointer four times.

PLEASE BE SURE TO GET THIS EXACT DEWORMER, NOT "HORSE PASTE" or an alternative.

PLEASE NOTE THE DOSAGE INSTRUCTIONS BELOW AS THEY ARE DIFFERENT THAN ON THE BOTTLE!

Each time you deworm (see schedule above) it is a 3 day regimen.

DOSAGE PER DAY IS 1ML PER 5# OF BODY WEIGHT. AN AVERAGE POINTER IS 50#, THAT WOULD BE 10ML PER DAY FOR 3 DAYS.

This dewormer takes care of many parasites (see below for details), but only targets one type of tapeworm (the one a dog might get from eating a rabbit or deer poop, but not the type of tapeworm they get from a flea infestation). If you see tapeworms on your foster dogs stool, let your foster mentor know and we will discuss treatment. We will be adding details on the recommended over the counter (reimbursable) medication for this soon.

Additional details:

Safeguard Goat Dewormer Suspension 10% (100 mg/mL) has Fenbendazole as its active ingredient and can also be used to worm dogs. It is useful against the most common canine intestinal worms including whipworms, hookworms, roundworms and tapeworms. It is even effective at fighting giardia. I use it regularly when worming my own four dogs and I know many multiple dog households, rescues and shelters that use it as well because it is much more economical than Fenbendazole wormers marketed for dogs such as Panacur C.

DOSAGE AND DIRECTIONS FOR DOGS:

Shake bottle well and then measuring with an oral medication syringe give 1 mL (equal to 1 cc or ¼ teaspoon) per each 5 lbs. of your dog's weight mixed with a small amount of moist dog food (to make sure the dog consumes it all). Repeat this dose for three days in a row. For giardia, repeat dose for 5-10 days in a row.

IN DOGS fenbendazole targets: Roundworms (*Toxocara canis*, *Toxascaris leonina*), Hookworms (*Ancylostoma caninum*, *Uncinaria stenocephala*), Whipworms (*Trichuris vulpis*), and Tapeworms (*Taenia pisiformis*) as well as being effective against giardia.

SAFETY:

Fenbendazole is very safe. Doses up to 100 times the recommended dose of 20 mg per pound are tolerated without serious side effects. It is also safe for use with pregnant and lactating dogs as well.

An accidental overdose may cause minor vomiting and diarrhea. It is also possible that dogs might experience hypersensitivity reactions to dying parasites. If facial swelling, hives, scratching, vomiting, shock, seizures, pale gums, cold limbs or lethargy ensue, your dog may be experiencing an allergic reaction. In cases of accidental overdose or allergic reactions you should contact a veterinarian immediately.



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