



## The SmartPak™ Pharmacy Dog & Cat Product Information Sheet

### HeartGard® Chewables for Cats

**Common Drug Name** – Ivermectin

**How Supplied by SmartPak** – HeartGard Chewables for Cats is available in the 5 – 15lb (165mcg) strength, 6 tablets per box.

**Category** – HeartGard Chewables for Cats is a heartworm and anthelmintic parasiticide.

**Caution** - Federal law restricts this drug to use by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian.

**Indications (Uses)** – For use in cats to prevent feline heartworm disease by eliminating the tissue stage of heartworm larvae (*Dirofilaria immitis*) for a month (30 days) after infection, and for the removal and control of adult and immature hookworms (*Ancylostoma tubaeforme* and *A. braziliense*).

**Dosage and Administration** – HeartGard for Cats should be administered orally at monthly intervals at the recommended minimum dose level of 24mcg of ivermectin per kg (10.9mcg/lb) of body weight. The recommended dosage schedule for prevention of feline heartworm disease and control of hookworm is as follows:

Up to 5lb: 1-55mcg HeartGard per month

5 – 15lb: 1-165mcg HeartGard per month

For cats over 15lb, use the appropriate combination of chewables. HeartGard for Cats is recommended for use in cats 6 weeks of age and older.

Remove only one chewable at a time from the foil-backed blister card. Return the card with the remaining chewables to its box to protect the product from light. HeartGard for Cats can be offered to the cat by hand or may be added to a small amount of food. If manual dosing is required, the chewable should be broken into pieces for

administration. Food should be routinely available during the day of treatment administration. If cats are fasted, or if the chewable is not broken into pieces for manual dosing, then reduced absorption may result. Care should be taken to see that the cat consumes the complete dose. Treated animals should be observed for a few minutes after administration to ensure that part of the dose is not lost or rejected. If it is suspected that any of the dose has been lost, redosing with a new chewable is recommended. Fragments of chewables have occasionally been observed in the feces of some cats; efficacy of the products was not adversely effected.

HeartGard for Cats should be given at monthly intervals when mosquitoes potentially carrying infective heartworm larvae are active. The initial dose must be given within a month (30 days) after the cat's first exposure to mosquitoes. The final dose must be given within a month (30 days) after the cat's last exposure to mosquitoes. For optimal performance, HeartGard for Cats must be given once a month on or about the same date. If treatment is delayed, whether by a few days or many, immediate treatment with HeartGard for Cats and resumption of the recommended dosing regimen will minimize the opportunity for development of adult heartworms. It is recommended that cats should be tested for existing heartworm infection prior to starting treatment with HeartGard for Cats. Cats already infected with adult heartworms can safely be given HeartGard for Cats monthly to prevent further infections.

**Human Warnings** – Not for human use. Keep out of reach of children.

**Storage Conditions:** Store at controlled room temperatures 68 – 77F. Excursions between 59 – 86F are permitted.

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