



The SmartPak™ Pharmacy Dog & Cat Product Information Sheet

Tri-Heart® Plus Chewable Tablets

Common Drug Name – Ivermectin,
Pyrantel pamoate

How Supplied from SmartPak – Tri-Heart Plus Chewable Tablets are available in single monthly doses and in 6-packs in the following strengths:

Up to 25lbs: blue

26 – 50lbs: green

51 – 100lbs: brown

Category – Tri-Heart 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) – Tri-Heart Plus is for use in dogs to prevent canine heartworm disease by eliminating the tissue stage of heartworm larvae (*Dirofilaria immitis*) for a month after infection and for the treatment and control of ascarids (*Toxocara canis*, *Toxascaris leonina*) and hookworms (*Ancylostoma caninum*, *Uncinaria stenocephala*, *Ancylostoma braziliense*).

Dosage and Administration – Tri-Heart Plus should be administered orally at monthly intervals at the recommended minimum dose level of 6mcg of Ivermectin/kg and 5mg Pyrantel/kg of body weight. Tri-Heart Plus is recommended for dogs 6 weeks of age and older. For dogs over 100lbs, use the appropriate combination of these tablets. Remove only one chewable tablet at a time from the blister card. Because most dogs find Tri-Heart Plus palatable, the product can be offered to the dog by hand. Alternatively, it may be added intact to a small amount of dry food or placed in the back of the dog's mouth for forced swallowing. Care should

be taken that the dog consumes the complete dose, and 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 is recommended. Tri-Heart Plus should be given at monthly intervals during the period of the year when mosquitoes, potentially carrying infective heartworm larvae, are active. The initial dose must be given within a month (30 day) after the dog's first exposure to mosquitoes. The final dose must be given within a month (30 days) after the dog's last exposure to mosquitoes. When replacing another heartworm preventive product in a heartworm disease preventive program, the first dose of Tri-Heart Plus must be given within a month (30 days) of the last dose of the former medication. If the interval between doses exceeds a month (30 days), the efficacy of Ivermectin can be reduced. Therefore, for optimal performance, Tri-Heart Plus must be given once a month on or about the same day of the month. If treatment is delayed, whether by a few days or many, immediate treatment with Tri-Heart Plus and resumption of the recommended dosing regimen minimizes the opportunity for the development of adult heartworms. Monthly treatment with Tri-Heart Plus also provides effective treatment and control of ascarids and hookworms.

Precautions – All dogs should be tested for existing heartworm infection before starting treatment with Tri-Heart Plus which are not effective against adult *D. immitis*. Infected dogs must be treated to remove adult heartworms and microfilariae before initiating a program with Tri-Heart Plus. While some microfilariae may be killed by the Ivermectin in Tri-Heart Plus at the

recommended dose level, Tri-Heart Plus is not effective for microfilariae clearance. A mild hypersensitivity-type reaction, presumably due to dead or dying microfilariae and particularly involving a transient diarrhea has been observed in clinical trial with Ivermectin alone after treatment of some dogs that have circulating microfilariae.

Adverse Reactions (Side Effects) – The following adverse reactions have been reported following the use of Ivermectin at the recommended dose:
depression/lethargy, vomiting, anorexia, diarrhea, mydriasis, ataxia, staggering, convulsions and hypersalivation.

Human Warnings– Not for human use. Keep out of the reach of children. In case of ingestion by humans, a physician should be contacted immediately.

Storage Conditions: Store between 68 – 77F. Excursions between 59 – 86F are permitted. Protect product from light.

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