JUST AS EFFECTIVE, JUST AS PALATABLE.

94% of dogs love the chewable tablets.

A taste test of Tri-Heart® Plus Chewable Tablets vs. Heartgard® Plus Chewables showed that dogs have no preference. If your dog doesn’t accept the flavored chewable tablet, the full purchase price of the product will be refunded.

THEY’LL BE PROTECTED FROM HEARTWORM DISEASE

Following the Tri-Heart® Plus year-round protocol and once qualified for the Guarantee, if your dog is diagnosed heartworm positive, the Tri-Heart® Plus Guarantee covers:

• The full cost of diagnosis, including all professional fees
  Your veterinarian simply contacts Merck Animal Health prior to commencing the tests. After confirming adherence to the Tri-Heart® Plus protocol and testing, your veterinary service fees will be covered by us. See eligibility details below.

• Your dog will be dewormed for hookworms and roundworms
  As long as the dose was administered within 31 days.

• A year’s supply — Free
  With diagnosis of heartworms, a free one-year supply of Tri-Heart® Plus will be provided.

See eligibility details on next page.
Chewable Tablets

Caution: Federal (U.S.A.) law restricts this drug to use by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian.

INDICATIONS: For use in dogs to prevent canine heartworm disease by eliminating the tissue stage of heartworm larvae (Dirofilaria immitis) after a minimum of 6 mo of ivomectin per kilogram (0.27 mg/kg) and 5 mg of pyrantel (as paromethane salt per kg 2.27 mg/kg) of body weight. The recommended dosage schedule for prevention of canine heartworm disease and for the treatment of the early stages of canine hookworms is as follows:

Dog Weight Chewable Tablets per Month Ivermectin Content Pyrantel Content Color Coding on Blister Card and Carton
Up to 25 lbs 1 68 mcg 57 mg Blue
26 to 50 lbs 1 136 mcg 114 mg Green
51 to 100 lbs 1 272 mcg 227 mg Brown

Tri-Heart® Plus (ivermectin/pyrantel) chewable tablets are recommended for dogs 6 weeks of age and older. For dogs over 100 lbs, use the appropriate combination of these tablets.

ADMINISTRATION: Remove only one chewable tablet at a time from the blister card. Because must dogs find Tri-Heart® Plus chewable tablets 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, rescheduling is recommended.

Tri-Heart® Plus chewable tablets should be given at monthly intervals during the period of the year when mosquitoes (vector), potentially carrying infective heartworm larvae, are active. The initial dose must be given within a month (30 days) 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 chewable tablets 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 heartworm can be reduced. Therefore, for optimal performance, the chewable tablet must be given once a month 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 chewable tablets and resumption of the recommended dosage regimen minimizes the opportunity for the development of adult heartworms.

Monthly treatment with Tri-Heart® Plus chewable tablets also provides effective treatment and control of ascariids (Toxocara canis, Toxascara cati) and hookworms (Ancylostoma caninum, Uncinia stenocephala). Clients should be advised of measures to be taken to prevent restriction with intestinal parasites.

EFFICACY: Tri-Heart® Plus chewable tablets given orally using the recommended dosage regimen, are effective against the tissue larval stage of D. immitis for a month (30 days) after infection and, as a result, prevent the development of the adult stage. Tri-Heart® Plus chewable tablets are also effective against canine ascariids (T. canis, T. cati) and hookworms (A. caninum, U. stenocephala, A. braziliense). Clients should be advised of measures to be taken to prevent restriction with intestinal parasites.

SURVIVAL: Studies with heartworms indicate that certain dogs of the Collie breed are more sensitive to the effects of ivermectin administered at elevated dose levels (more than 16 times the target use level of 6 mg/kg) than dogs of other breeds. Elevated dosages, sensitive dogs showed adverse reactions which include mydriasis, depression, ataxia, tremors, shivering, anemia, depression, vomiting, diarrhea, ataxia, stiffness, and dyspnea. In controlled trials, a few dogs that were administered ivermectin at dose levels of 60 mcg/kg of body weight, showed depression/lethargy, ataxia, tremors, anorexia, diarrhea, vomiting, mydriasis, temporary abnormal clinical signs were noted. In one trial with several dogs treated with ivermectin in combination with other anthelmintic drugs, no adverse signs were observed. Studies showed that heartworms in dogs treated with ivermectin had a few days of toxicity (10 times the recommended dose (60 mcg/kg) in sensitive Collies. Results of these trials and bioavailability studies support the safety of ivermectin products in dogs, including Collies, when used as recommended.

Ivermectin/pyrantel has shown a wide margin of safety at the recommended adult dose level in dogs, including pregnant or breeding bitches, small dogs and puppies aged 6 weeks or more. In clinical trials, many commonly used flea collars, dips, shampoos, anthelmintics, antibiotics, vaccines and hormonal preparations have been administered with heartworm/parasite in a heartworm disease prevention program.

In one trial, where some pups had parvo, there was a marginal reduction in efficacy against intestinal nematodes, probably due to a change in intestinal transit time.

NEW SUPPLIES: Tri-Heart® Plus chewable tablets are available in three dosage strengths (see DOSAGE section) for dogs of different weights. Each strength comes in convenient packs of 6 chewable tablets.

For Technical Assistance, call Merck Animal Health 1-800-224-5316

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Heartworm Prevention Guarantee

- Negative heartworm test prior to starting Tri-Heart® Plus flavored chewable tablets.
- If the animal was switched from another heartworm preventive product to Tri-Heart® Plus - must provide a negative heartworm test that was done prior to the start of the previous heartworm preventive product.
- Puppies starting on Tri-Heart® Plus between 6 weeks and 4 months of age are covered if antigen tests have been taken within 31 days.
- Dogs starting on Tri-Heart® Plus between 4 and 6 months of age are covered following the first dose prove negative.
- Dogs that do not accept Tri-Heart® Plus flavored chewable tablets.

Intestinal Parasites Guarantee

- Dogs infected with roundworms or hookworms after treatment with Tri-Heart® Plus flavored chewable tablets.
- The dose must have been taken within 31 days.

Palatability Guarantee

- Dogs that do not accept Tri-Heart® Plus flavored chewable tablets.
- Dogs infected with roundworms or hookworms after treatment with Tri-Heart® Plus flavored chewable tablets.
- The dose must have been taken within 31 days.
- Dogs that do not accept Tri-Heart® Plus flavored chewable tablets.

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