

Fasinex 5% w/v Oral Suspension



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Presentation

A white to cream coloured suspension containing 5% w/v triclabendazole.

Uses

For the treatment and control of liver fluke infections in sheep caused by all stages of triclabendazole susceptible *Fasciola hepatica* from 2 day old immature to adult fluke.

Dosage and administration

Fasinex 5% is given as an oral drench and is suitable for use through most types of drenching guns. To ensure administration of a correct dose, accuracy of the dosing device should be checked.

Recommended dose rate is 1 ml Fasinex 5% per 5 kg bodyweight, equivalent to 10 mg triclabendazole / kg bodyweight. Assess bodyweight accurately before calculating the dosage. If animals are to be treated collectively rather than individually, they should be grouped according to their bodyweight and dosed accordingly, in order to avoid under- or overdosing.

Examples:

Up to 10 kg – 2 ml

10-15 kg – 3 ml

16-20 kg – 4 ml

21-30 kg – 6 ml

31-40 kg – 8 ml

41-50 kg – 10 ml

51-60 kg – 12 ml

For each additional 5 kg add 1 ml to dose.

DOSING PROGRAMME

Advice from a veterinary surgeon or prescriber should be sought to build a dosing programme specific for each individual farm. Affected sheep should be treated immediately after diagnosis is reached with subsequent dosing intervals being sought from a veterinary surgeon or prescriber.

Contra-indications, warnings, etc

Care should be taken to avoid the following practices because they increase the risk of development of resistance and could ultimately result in ineffective therapy:

- Too frequent and repeated use of anthelmintics from the same class, over an extended period of time
- Underdosing which may be due to underestimation of body weight, misadministration of the product or lack of calibration of the dosing device (if any).

Suspected clinical cases of resistance to anthelmintics should be further investigated using appropriate tests (e.g. Faecal Egg Count Reduction Test). Where the results of the test(s) strongly suggest resistance to a particular anthelmintic, an anthelmintic belonging to another pharmacological class and having a different mode of action should be used.

Resistance to triclabendazole has been reported in liver fluke (*Fasciola hepatica*) in cattle and sheep in a number of countries, including ones in the EU. Therefore, the use of this product should be based on local epidemiological information about susceptibility of *F. hepatica* and recommendations on how to limit further selection for resistance to anthelmintics. To reduce the risk of parasite resistance, dosing programmes should be discussed with a veterinary surgeon. Fasinex 5% contains the anthelmintic triclabendazole and losses associated with resistant strains of fluke in sheep treated with triclabendazole can be significant. If signs of fasciolosis continue after treatment with Fasinex 5%, **DO NOT REPEAT THE DOSE** and do not dose with other products containing triclabendazole. Seek veterinary advice. If resistance is suspected or confirmed, you should change active ingredient on veterinary advice.

Parasite resistance to a particular class of anthelmintic may develop following frequent repeated use or misuse of an anthelmintic of that class. To reduce this risk, dosing programmes should be discussed with your veterinary surgeon or prescriber. Efficacy of this product against liver fluke is reduced if triclabendazole resistant strains are present. If lack of efficacy is suspected seek veterinary advice.

Indicated for use in pregnant ewes.

For animal treatment only. Keep out of sight and reach of children.

Operator warnings: When using, do not eat, drink or smoke. Wash splashes from eyes and skin immediately. Take off immediately any contaminated clothing. Wash hands and exposed skin before meals and after work.

Withdrawal Periods

Meat - Animals must not be slaughtered for human consumption during treatment. Sheep may be slaughtered for human consumption only after 56 days from last treatment.

Milk – Not authorised for use in ewes producing milk for human consumption including during the dry period. Do not use within 1 year prior to the first lambing in ewes intended to produce milk for human consumption.

Pharmaceutical precautions

Protect from light.

Protect from freezing.

Do not store above 25°C.

Store in tightly closed original container.

Do not contaminate ponds, waterways or ditches with the product or used container. Any unused veterinary medicinal products should be disposed of in accordance with local requirements.

Legal category

POM-VPS

Packaging Quantities

0.8 litre, 2.2 litre and 5 litre packs.

Further information

Triclabendazole is a flukicide. The majority of the oral dose in rats, sheep, goats and rabbits is eliminated in faeces after 6-10 days as unchanged drug or products of biliary excretion. Urinary excretion is minimal. Sulphone, sulphoxide, ketone and 4-hydroxy triclabendazole derivatives are the main metabolites identified in plasma.

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