

## Presentation

A ready to administer, light yellow coloured, oral anthelmintic paste for horses and other equines. Each 28.5g syringe contains 11.4g pyrantel embonate as active ingredient.

## Uses

A broad spectrum anthelmintic for the treatment of adult infections of large and small redworms, Ascarids and Pinworms found in the gastro-intestinal tract of horses, ponies and foals. Pyratape P also treats and controls tapeworm infection.

The broad spectrum activity includes:

Large roundworms - *Parascaris equorum*

Large strongyles - *Strongylus vulgaris*, *S. edentatus*, *S. equinus*

Small strongyles - *Trichonema* spp. (Cyathostomes), *Triodontophorus* spp.

Pinworms - *Oxyuris equi*, *Probstmayria vivipara*

Tapeworms - *Anoplocephala perfoliata*

## Dosage and administration

Administer orally, one syringe per 600kg bodyweight as a single dose (=19mg pyrantel embonate per kg bodyweight).

Weight	Type	Routine treatment
Up to 100kg	Miniature ponies	Syringe mark 100kg
101-300kg	Donkey, Shetland and other small ponies and foals	Syringe mark 300kg
301-400kg	Dartmoor, New Forest, Welsh	Syringe mark 400kg
401-500kg	Light hunters, Arabs etc	Syringe mark 500kg
501-600kg	Thoroughbreds	Syringe mark 600kg (1 syringe)
601kg and over	Heavy hunters, Draught horses	1 syringe plus additional 100kg syringe marks for each extra 100kg bodyweight

### *Increased dosing for treatment of tapeworm infections*

Double the dose rate, ie Two syringes per 600kg bodyweight (=38mg pyrantel embonate/kg bodyweight).

Assess bodyweight as accurately as possible before calculating the dosage. The use of a 'weigh band' is recommended.

Position the dosage ring of the syringe at the appropriate mark using the recommended dosage. Open the mouth of the horse and eject the contents of the syringe onto the back of the tongue. Raising the horse's head sometimes assists in the swallowing process.

### *Recommended dosing programmes*

#### *Horses*

During the grazing season, all horses over 8 months of age should be wormed with Pyratape P every 4-6 weeks. For the remainder of the year, horses should be wormed with Pyratape P every 6-8 weeks. New horses and horses which have spent the winter inside should be wormed with Pyratape P and then kept in for 3-4 days before turnout.

#### *Mares with foals*

Mares with foals should preferably be grazed on pasture which has not been grazed by other horses for the previous 12 months. Where this is not possible, pasture which has not been grazed by other horses from January to the end of May should be used and turnout delayed until June. This will help reduce the roundworm challenge to the foal. Dose the mare 3-4 days before turning out and then at intervals for 2-4 weeks until the end of Autumn.

#### *Foals aged 1-8 months*

Foals should be treated with Pyratape P from 4 weeks of age and retreated every 4 weeks.

### **Contra-indications, warnings, etc**

Do not administer to horses for human consumption.

Do not use in severely debilitated animals.

Combined administration of pyrantel and levamisole or piperazine is not recommended.

#### *Operator warnings*

Avoid contact with the skin. Wash hands after use.

The same syringe should only be used to dose 2 animals if they are either grazing together or are on the same premises and in direct contact with one another.

Pyratape P is safe for use in horses and ponies of all ages, including suckling foals, pregnant mares and stallions. Impaction of the small intestine may occur in foals heavily infected with Ascarids. Colic symptoms may be seen as soon as 30 minutes after treatment.

### **Pharmaceutical precautions**

Do not store above 25°C and protect from freezing and sunlight.

On occasions when only part of the paste is used, replace the cap and store as indicated.

Keep out of reach of children.

### **Legal category**

POM-VPS (previously PML)

### **Packaging Quantities**

Packs of 20 syringes

### **Further information**

Nil

### **Marketing authorisation number**

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