

Product Name: Vetmedin 5 mg Flavoured Chewable Tablets for Dogs  
APVMA Approval No: 84158/109803



Label Name:	Vetmedin 5 mg Flavoured Chewable Tablets for Dogs
Signal Headings:	PRESCRIPTION ANIMAL REMEDY KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN FOR ANIMAL TREATMENT ONLY
Constituent Statements:	Each tablet contains 5 mg pimobendan
Claims:	<p>Vetmedin Flavoured Chewable Tablets are indicated for:</p> <p>The treatment of canine congestive heart failure (CHF) originating from dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM) or valvular insufficiency (mitral and/ or tricuspid regurgitation).</p> <p>The treatment of pre-clinical DCM in large breed dogs. When used in cases of preclinical DCM in large breed dogs, pimobendan significantly prolonged the time to the onset of CHF or sudden death, and also resulted in prolongation of the time to death due to all causes. Doberman Pinscher dogs with preclinical DCM treated with pimobendan also demonstrated a significant reduction in Left Ventricular Internal Diameter in both systole and diastole (LVIDs/d) in response to therapy.</p> <p>The treatment of dogs with evidence of increased heart size secondary to asymptomatic (preclinical) myxomatous mitral valve disease to delay the onset of clinical symptoms of heart failure, to reduce heart size and to increase survival time.</p>
Net Contents:	50 tablets 100 tablets
Directions for Use:	
Restrains:	
Contraindications:	This product is contraindicated for use in cases of hypertrophic cardiomyopathies or clinical conditions where an augmentation of cardiac output is not recommended for functional or anatomical reasons (e.g. aortic stenosis).

Precautions:	<p>Vetmedin Flavoured Chewable Tablets should only be administered to pregnant and lactating bitches if the expected therapeutic benefits outweigh the potential risk.</p> <p>Studies into the effect of pimobendan on the reproductive function of male dogs have not been conducted.</p> <p>In pharmacological studies no interaction between the cardiac glycoside ouabain and pimobendan was detected. The pimobendan induced increase in contractility of the heart is attenuated in the presence of the calcium antagonist verapamil and the B-antagonist propranolol.</p>
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Side Effects:	<p>A moderate positive chronotropic effect and vomiting may occur in rare cases. However, these effects are dose-dependent and can be avoided by reducing the dose in those cases. In rare cases transient diarrhoea, anorexia or lethargy have been observed.</p>
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Dosage and Administration:	<p>Vetmedin Flavoured Chewable Tablets should be administered orally at a dose range of 0.1 - 0.3 mg pimobendan/kg bodyweight twice daily. The ideal dose is 0.25 mg pimobendan/kg bodyweight twice daily administered 12 hours apart. Each dose should be given on an empty stomach, and at least one hour before feeding.</p> <p>(The table attached appears below these statements )</p>
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General Directions:	<p>Pimobendan, a benzimidazole-pyridazinone derivative, is a nonsympathomimetic, nonglycoside inotropic substance with potent vasodilative properties.</p> <p>Vetmedin Flavoured Chewable Tablets may be combined with a diuretic treatment such as furosemide.</p> <p>In the case of overdosing, symptomatic treatment should be initiated.</p> <p><b>Action</b> Pimobendan exerts its stimulatory myocardial effect by a dual mechanism of action: increase in calcium sensitivity of cardiac myofilaments and inhibition of phosphodiesterase (type III). It also exhibits a vasodilating action through an inhibitory action on phosphodiesterase III activity.</p> <p>Following oral administration of pimobendan the absolute bioavailability of the active principal is 60-63%. The mean plasma protein binding is 93%. The plasma elimination half-life of pimobendan is approximately 30 minutes and the main active metabolite elimination half-life is approximately 2 hours. Almost the entire dose is eliminated via faeces.</p> <p><b>Use during pregnancy and lactation</b> In studies with rats and rabbits pimobendan had no effect on fertility and embryotoxic effects only occurred at maternotoxic doses. In rat experiments it has been shown that pimobendan is excreted in milk.</p>
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Withholding Periods:	
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Trade Advice:	
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Safety Directions:	
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First Aid Instructions:	If poisoning occurs contact a doctor or Poisons Information Centre. Phone Australia 131126.
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First Aid Warnings:	
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Additional User Safety:	
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Environmental Statements:	
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Disposal:	Dispose of empty container by wrapping with paper and putting in garbage.
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Storage:	Store below 25°C (Air Conditioning). Protect from heat and moisture.
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	No. of tablets per administration							
	Morning				Evening			
Bodyweight (kg)	1.25mg	2.5mg	5mg	10mg	1.25mg	2.5mg	5mg	10mg
2-5	½				½			
>5-10	1				1			
>10-20		1 or ½				1 or ½		
>20-40			1 or ½				1 or ½	
>40-60			2 or 1				2 or 1	
>60-80			3 or 1 ½				3 or 1 ½	
>80			4 or 2				4 or 2	