

# Summary of Product Characteristics

## 1 NAME OF THE VETERINARY MEDICINAL PRODUCT

Voxical Plus XL Tablets For Dogs

## 2 QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION

Each tablet contains:

### Active substances:

Praziquantel	175 mg
Pyrantel Embonate	504 mg (equivalent to 175 mg pyrantel)
Febantel	525 mg

### Excipients:

For a full list of excipients, see section 6.1.

## 3 PHARMACEUTICAL FORM

Tablet

A yellow coloured oblong tablet with a breakline on both sides.

The tablets can be divided into equal halves.

## 4 CLINICAL PARTICULARS

### 4.1 Target Species

Dogs.

### 4.2 Indications for use, specifying the target species

In adult dogs: Treatment of mixed infections by nematodes and cestodes of the following species

#### Nematodes:

**Ascarids:** *Toxocara canis*, *Toxascaris leonina* (adult and late immature forms).

**Hookworms:** *Uncinaria stenocephala*, *Ancylostoma caninum* (adults).

**Whipworms:** *Trichuris vulpis* (adults).

#### Cestodes:

**Tapeworms:** *Echinococcus* species, (*E. granulosus*, *E. multilocularis*), *Taenia* species, (*T. hydatigena*, *T. pisiformis*, *T. taeniformis*), *Dipylidium caninum* (adult and immature forms).

### 4.3 Contraindications

Do not use in cases of hypersensitivity to the active substances or to any of the excipients.

Do not use during the 1st and 2nd trimester of pregnancy (see section 4.7)

### 4.4 Special warnings for each target species

Fleas serve as intermediate hosts for one common type of tapeworm – *Dipylidium caninum*. Tapeworm infestation is certain to reoccur unless control of intermediate hosts such as fleas, mice, etc. is undertaken.

### 4.5 Special precautions for use

#### Special precautions for use in animals

Parasite resistance to any particular class of anthelmintic may develop following frequent, repeated use of an anthelmintic of that class.

To minimise the risk of reinfestation and new infestation, excreta should be collected and properly disposed of for 24 hours

following treatment.

### Special precautions to be taken by the person administering the veterinary medicinal product to animals

In case of accidental ingestion, seek medical advice immediately and show the package leaflet to the physician.

In the interests of good hygiene, persons administering the tablets directly to the dog, or by adding them to the dog's food, should wash their hands afterwards.

### Other precautions

The product is effective against *Echinococcus* spp. which does not occur in all EU member states but are becoming more common in some. Echinococcosis represents a hazard for humans. As Echinococcosis is a notifiable disease to the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), specific guidelines on the treatment and follow-up, and on the safeguard of persons, need to be obtained from the relevant competent authority.

### 4.6 Adverse reactions (frequency and seriousness)

In very rare cases, gastrointestinal disorders (diarrhoea, emesis) have been observed.

The frequency of adverse reactions is defined using the following convention:

- very common (more than 1 in 10 animals treated displaying adverse reaction(s))
- common (more than 1 but less than 10 animals in 100 animals treated)
- uncommon (more than 1 but less than 10 animals in 1,000 animals treated)
- rare (more than 1 but less than 10 animals in 10,000 animals treated)
- very rare (less than 1 animal in 10,000 animals treated, including isolated reports).

### 4.7 Use during pregnancy, lactation or lay

Teratogenic effects attributed to high doses of febantel have been reported in sheep and rats. No studies have been performed in dogs during early pregnancy. Use of the product during pregnancy should be in accordance with a benefit risk assessment by the responsible veterinarian. It is recommended that the product is not used in dogs during the first 4 weeks of pregnancy. Do not exceed the stated dose when treating pregnant bitches

### 4.8 Interaction with other medicinal products and other forms of interactions

Do not use simultaneously with piperazine compounds as the anthelmintic effects of pyrantel and piperazine may be antagonized.

Concurrent use with other cholinergic compounds can lead to toxicity.

### 4.9 Amounts to be administered and administration route

For oral administration only.

To ensure administration of a correct dose, body weight should be determined as accurately as possible.

#### Dosage:

For treatment of dogs, 1 tablet per 35 kg body weight (15 mg febantel, 14.4 mg pyrantel embonate and 5 mg praziquantel/kg body weight).

Dosages are as follows:

Bodyweight (kg)	Tablets
Approx 17.5kg	½ Voxical Plus XL tablet
31-35 kg	1 Voxical Plus XL tablet
>35-40 kg	1 Voxical Plus XL tablet plus ½ Voxical Plus tablet
>40-45 kg	1 Voxical Plus XL tablet plus 1 Voxical Plus tablet
>45-50 kg	1 Voxical Plus XL tablet plus 1½ Voxical Plus tablets
>50-55 kg	1 Voxical Plus XL tablet plus 2 Voxical Plus tablets
>55-60 kg	1 Voxical Plus XL tablet plus 2½ Voxical Plus tablets
>60-65 kg	1 Voxical Plus XL tablet plus 3 Voxical Plus tablets
>65-70 kg	2 Voxical Plus XL tablets

The tablets can be given directly to the dog or disguised in food. No starvation is needed before or after treatment. Tablets should be given as a single administration.

Part tablets should be discarded immediately or returned to the open blister until used

If there is a risk for re-infestation, the advice of a veterinarian should be sought regarding the need for and the frequency of repeat administration.

#### 4.10 Overdose (symptoms, emergency procedures, antidotes), if necessary

In safety studies, a single dose of 5 times the recommended dose of the combination of praziquantel, pyrantel embonate or greater gave rise to occasional vomiting.

#### 4.11 Withdrawal period(s)

Not applicable.

### 5 PHARMACOLOGICAL or IMMUNOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

Pharmacotherapeutic group: Anthelmintic, praziquantel combinations.

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#### 5.1 Pharmacodynamic properties

This product contains anthelmintics active against gastrointestinal roundworms and tapeworms. The product contains three active substances, as follows:

Febantel, a probenzimidazole

Pyrantel embonate (pamoate), a tetrahydropyrimidine derivative

Praziquantel, a partially hydrogenated pyrazinoisoquinoline derivative

In this fixed combination, pyrantel and febantel act against all relevant nematodes (ascarids, hookworms, and whipworms) in dogs. In particular, the activity spectrum covers *Toxocara canis*, *Toxascaris leonina*, *Uncinaria stenocephala*, *Ancylostoma caninum* and *Trichuris vulpis*.

This combination shows synergistic activity in the case of hookworms and febantel is effective against *T. vulpis*.

The spectrum of activity of praziquantel covers all important cestode species in dogs, in particular *Taenia* spp., *Dipylidium caninum*, *Echinococcus granulosus* and *Echinococcus multilocularis*. Praziquantel acts against all adult and immature forms of these parasites.

Praziquantel is very rapidly absorbed through the parasite's surface and distributed throughout the parasite. Both in vitro and in vivo studies have shown that praziquantel causes severe damage to the parasite integument, resulting in the contraction and paralysis of the parasites. There is an almost instantaneous tetanic contraction of the parasite musculature and a rapid vacuolization of the syncytial tegument. This rapid contraction has been explained by changes in divalent cation fluxes, especially calcium.

Pyrantel acts as a cholinergic agonist. Its mode of action is to stimulate nicotinic cholinergic receptors of the parasite, induce spastic paralysis of the nematodes and thereby allow removal from the gastrointestinal system by peristalsis.

Within the mammalian system, febantel undergoes ring closure, forming fenbendazole and oxfendazole. It is these chemical entities which exert the anthelmintic effect by inhibition of tubulin polymerisation. Formation of microtubules is thereby prevented, resulting in disruption of structures vital to the normal functioning of the helminth. Glucose uptake in particular is affected, leading to a depletion in cell ATP. The parasite dies upon exhaustion of its energy reserves, which occurs 2 – 3 days later.

#### 5.2 Pharmacokinetic particulars

Perorally administered praziquantel is absorbed almost completely from the intestinal tract. After absorption, the drug is distributed to all organs. Praziquantel is metabolized into inactive forms in the liver and secreted in bile. It is excreted within 24 hours to more than 95% of the administered dosage. Only traces of non-metabolised praziquantel are excreted.

Following administration of the product to dogs, peak plasma concentrations of praziquantel were achieved by approximately 2.5 hours.

The pamoate salt of pyrantel has low aqueous solubility, an attribute that reduces absorption from the gut and allows the drug

to reach and be effective against parasites in the large intestine. Following absorption, pyrantel pamoate is quickly and almost completely metabolized into inactive metabolites that are excreted rapidly in the urine.

Febantel is absorbed relatively rapidly and metabolized to a number of metabolites including fenbendazole and oxfendazole, which have anthelmintic activity.

Following administration of the product to dogs, peak plasma concentrations of fenbendazole and oxfendazole were achieved by approximately 7-9 hours.

## **6 PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS**

### **6.1 List of excipients**

Lactose monohydrate  
Microcrystalline cellulose  
Magnesium stearate  
Colloidal anhydrous silica  
Croscarmellose sodium  
Sodium laurilsulfate  
Pork flavour

### **6.2 Major incompatibilities**

Not applicable

### **6.3 Shelf-life**

Shelf life of the veterinary medicinal product as packaged for sale: 5 years

Unused half tablet must be used within 14 days.

### **6.4 Special precautions for storage**

This veterinary medicinal product does not require any special storage conditions.

Each time an unused half tablet is stored, it should be returned to the open blister space and inserted back into the cardboard box.

Insert the blister in the carton box.

### **6.5 Nature and composition of immediate packaging**

The product is presented in:

Blister packs made up of PVC/PE/PCTFE with 20 µ hard tempered aluminium foil with 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18 or 20 tablets per blister.

The Blisters are packed into cartons containing either 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 24, 28, 30, 32, 36, 40, 42, 44, 48, 50, 52, 56, 60, 64, 68, 70, 72, 76, 80, 84, 88, 92, 96, 98, 100, 104, 106, 108, 112, 116, 120, 140, 150, 180, 200, 204, 206, 208, 250, 280, 300, 500 or 1000 tablets.

Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

### **6.6 Special precautions for the disposal of unused veterinary medicinal products or waste materials derived from the use of such products**

Any unused veterinary medicinal product or waste materials derived from such veterinary medicinal products should be disposed of in accordance with local requirements.

## **7 MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER**

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