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## PONAZURIL - Full Version

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### GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Protozoa are a type of small parasite that can cause various diseases. This drug is a medication that has selective antiprotozoal activity and can fight certain protozoal infections.

**Ponazuril** is available in the form of an oral paste for horses that may be diluted further to provide an appropriate dosage form for cats and dogs.

### WHAT IS THIS DRUG?

- A broad spectrum antiprotozoal agent
- Given by mouth

### REASONS FOR PRESCRIBING:

- May be used to treat *Neospora caninum*, toxoplasma, and coccidia infections

### ANIMAL PRECAUTIONS:

- This medication is labeled for use in cats and dogs and should be administered only when and as prescribed by a licensed veterinarian
- **Use of this medication in any other species should be in consultation with a veterinarian**
- Use of this prescribed medication in animals with any of the following conditions should be limited to those who are under the supervision of a veterinarian:
  - Dry eye or keratoconjunctivitis sicca, or those breeds predisposed to developing dry eye or keratoconjunctivitis sicca
- Safety has not been established in:
  - Pregnant or nursing animals
- There is limited experience using **Ponazuril** in small animal veterinary medicine
- Animals with a known hypersensitivity or allergy to this or related products should not be given this medication

## DIRECTIONS:

Read and follow the prescription label carefully. Give the exact amount prescribed and only as often as directed.

This product is manufactured as an oral paste for horses that may have been further diluted to provide an appropriate dosage form for your cat or dog.

Give this medication for as long as your veterinarian directs. Do not skip doses or stop giving the medication without consulting your veterinarian. Missed doses reduce the effectiveness of therapy.

The frequency and length of use of this medication depends upon the condition being treated and your cat or dog's response to treatment. Dose adjustments may be made based upon an assessment of how your pet is responding clinically.

Baseline blood work may be recommended to assess your pet's general health before starting this medication.

Discuss with your veterinarian if this medication is to be given with food. If your pet experiences digestive upset following medication administration, try offering with a small amount of food or a treat.

This medication should take effect within 1 to 2 days. You should see improvements in your pet's clinical signs.

Call ahead for refills.

Ideally, give this medication at the same time(s) daily.

## WHAT TO TELL/ASK A VETERINARIAN BEFORE GIVING MEDICATION?

Talk to your veterinarian about:

- When your pet will need to be rechecked
- What tests may need to be performed prior to and during treatment with this drug
- What are the safety concerns when using this product in different species
- What are the risks and benefits of using this drug

Tell your veterinarian about:

- If your pet has experienced side effects on other drugs/products
- If your pet has experienced digestive upset now or ever
- If your pet has experienced liver or kidney disease now or ever
- If your pet has experienced any other medical problems or allergies now or ever
- All medicines and supplements that you are giving your pet or plan to give your pet, including those you can get without a prescription. Your veterinarian may want to check that all of your pet's medications can be given together.
- If your pet is pregnant, nursing or if you plan to breed your pet

## STORAGE AND WARNINGS:

**Ponazuril** should be stored in a childproof container in a cool, dry place at room temperature away from heat and direct sunlight.

Keep this and all medication out of reach of children and pets.

Call your physician immediately if you accidentally take this product.

#### POTENTIAL SIDE EFFECTS:

- There is limited information and experience using **Ponazuril** in small animal veterinary medicine so all potential adverse effects are unknown at this time
- In horses, this medication can cause diarrhea, abdominal discomfort and seizures
- This medication could cause skin reactions such as rashes, hives or blisters
- This medication could cause a reduction in tear production resulting in a condition known as dry eye or keratoconjunctivitis sicca
- If you notice any of these symptoms, anything unusual, or if your pet's condition worsens contact your veterinarian
- This moderate-acting medication should stop working in a few days, although effects may last longer in pets with liver or kidney disease

#### CAN THIS DRUG BE GIVEN WITH OTHER DRUGS?

- Do not give new food or medications without first talking to your veterinarian
- If your pet experiences any unusual reactions when taking multiple medications, contact your veterinarian

#### WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I KNOW OF OR SUSPECT THERE HAS BEEN AN OVERDOSE?

Contact your veterinarian immediately if you pet has accidentally ingested this medication or has received more than the prescribed amount.

#### WHAT ELSE SHOULD I KNOW?

Notify your veterinarian if your animal's condition does not improve or worsens despite this treatment.

As with all prescribed medicines, **Ponazuril** should only be given to the pet for which it was prescribed. It should be given only for the condition for which it was prescribed, at the prescribed dose, as directed by your veterinarian.

This is just a summary of information about **Ponazuril**. If you have any questions or concerns about this medication or for the condition it was prescribed, please contact your veterinarian.

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