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## **ex**Gard **Chewables for Dogs**

Each chewable contains 11.3 mg afoxolaner (2-4 kg Dogs).

Each chewable contains 28.3 mg afoxolaner (4.1 – 10 kg Dogs).

Each chewable contains 68.0 mg afoxolaner (10.1 - 25 kg Dogs).

Each chewable contains 136.0 mg afoxolaner (25.1 - 50 kg Dogs).

For the treatment and prevention of flea infestations and control of ticks and mites on dogs and puppies.

- Rapidly kills fleasTreats and controls ticks
- Treats and controls mange and mites
- Prevents flea tapeworm infestations
- Controls flea allergy dermatitis
- Effective for one month
- Tasty chew

#### **Indications**

NexGard rapidly kills adult fleas and is indicated for the treatment and prevention of flea (Ctenocephalides spp.) infestations for 5 weeks (35 days), for the control of newly acquired adult fleas and for the control of flea allergy dermatitis. Following administration, fleas are killed within 6-8 hours. Rapid onset of action kills newly acquired fleas before they can lay eggs. Fleas can transmit flea tapeworm (*Dipylidium caninum*). Effective flea control with NexGard prevents flea tapeworm infestation in dogs. NexGard treats and controls paralysis ticks (Ixodes holocyclus), brown dog ticks (Rhipicephalus sanguineus) and bush ticks (Haemaphysalis longicornis) for 5 weeks (35 days). NexGard provides effective control of pre-existing paralysis tick infestations within 24 hours. Ixodes holocyclus ticks do not occur in Western Australia. In tick season, daily searching for and removal of any ticks found is recommended. NexGard treats and controls demodectic mange caused by *Demodex* spp., sarcoptic mange caused by *Sarcoptes scabiei* and ear mite (Otodectes cynótis) infestations.

Monthly administration is recommended

For use in puppies from 8 weeks of age. NexGard can be used in breeding, pregnant and lactating females.

#### **DIRECTIONS FOR USE**

#### **Precautions**

The safe use of NexGard chewables in breeding males has not been evaluated.

### **Dosage and Administration**

The recommended dosage for 2-4 kg dogs is one 0.5 g chewable (11.3 mg afoxolaner/chewable) or 2.5 mg of afoxolaner per kg bodyweight.

The recommended dosage for 4.1-10 kg dogs is one 1.25 g chewable (28.3 mg afoxolaner/ chewable) or 2.5 mg of afoxolaner per kg bodyweight.

The recommended dosage for 10.1-25 kg dogs is one 3 g chewable (68.0 mg afoxolaner/chewable) or 2.5 mg of afoxolaner per kg bodyweight.

The recommended dosage for 25.1-50 kg dogs is one 6g chewable (136.0 mg afoxolaner/ chewable) or 2.5 mg of afoxolaner per kg bodyweight.

Offer the chewable(s) appropriate for your dog's weight at monthly intervals

Remove only one chewable at a time from the foil-backed blister card. NexGard is a soft, highly

palatable chewable and is readily consumed by dogs when offered as a treat. NexGard can also be given with a small amount of food or directly into the mouth.

Care should be taken that the dog consumes the complete dose, and treated dogs should be observed for a few minutes to ensure that part of the dose is not lost or rejected. If it is suspected that any of the dose has been lost, treat again with another full dose. If a dose is missed, administer the NexGard chewable(s) appropriate for your dog's weight and resume a monthly dosing regimen.

The recommended minimum monthly dosage is 2.5 mg afoxolaner per kg bodyweight:

Dog Weight (kg)	Chewable size (g)	Afoxolaner (mg/chew)
2 - 4	0.5	11.3
4.1 - 10	1.25	28.3
10.1 - 25	3	68.0
25.1 - 50	6	136.0

For dogs over 50 kg, administer the appropriate combination of chewables.

For optimal parasite control, treat your dog on or about the same day each month, regardless of how many days in the month

#### Safety to Dogs

NexGard was shown to be safe in various breeds of dogs and in puppies 8 weeks and older. NexGard has also been shown to be 58 1) known as MDR-1) gene mutation, such as ivermectin-sensitive Collie breeds. NexGard may be administered in conjunction with gastrointestinal worm or heartworm treatments administered according to label directions

Afoxolaner is part of the isoxazoline family of chemicals. Adverse reactions to this family of chemicals are rarely observed but may include vomiting, diarrhoea, lethargy, inappetence, itching and very rarely, seizures. Most adverse reactions are self-limiting and of short duration. If you have any concerns, please speak to your veterinarian.

#### **GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

As NexGard is an oral treatment, there are no restrictions on swimming, bathing and shampooing before or after administration.

#### **Flea Treatment and Prevention**

NexGard demonstrated rapid control of fleas for 5 weeks (35 days), ensuring protection for a full month. Because fleas are killed rapidly, NexGard controls flea allergy dermatitis.

Treatment with NexGard may begin at any time of the year. Dogs become infested with fleas that originate from environmental infestation sites in the home or outdoors. Treatment and prevention of flea infestations is achieved by tilling fleas on the dog before they can law. is achieved by killing fleas on the dog before they can lay eggs and replenish an environmental infestation. If a severe environmental infestation exists, fleas can continue to emerge into the surroundings for weeks to months, because of the continuing development of flea eggs, larvae and pupae already present at the time of treatment.

Under conditions of moderate to heavy challenge it may take more than one monthly treatment to achieve control of moderate to heavy pre-existing flea infestations. In areas where fleas are common year-round, monthly treatment with NexGard should continue throughout the year without interruption.

To minimise the likelihood of flea reinfestation, it is important to treat all animals within a household with an approved flea control product.

#### **Tick Control**

For the most effective control of paralysis ticks (Ixodes holocyclus) and to minimise the risk of tick paralysis, NexGard should be used in conjunction with daily searching and removal of ticks. Treatment with NexGard alone will not entirely remove the risk of tick paralysis. Speak with your veterinarian for advice on tick

searching and removal techniques.

NexGard demonstrated >95% efficacy for 5 weeks (35 days) against paralysis ticks, brown dog ticks and bùsh ticks, ensuring protection for a full month. In Australian studies, paralysis ticks and brown dog ticks were killed (>95% efficacy) within 48 hours. Bush ticks were killed (>95% efficacy) within 72 hours.

Treatment with NexGard may begin at any time of the year. Dogs become infested with ticks that originate from sites which are primarily outdoors.

In areas where ticks are common year-round, monthly treatment with NexGard should continue throughout the year without interruption.

#### **Treatment and Control of Mites**

Monthly treatment with NexGard effectively treats and controls generalised demodectic mange caused by Demodex mites. Treated dogs experience a marked reduction of skin lesions and significant hair-regrowth. Monthly treatment should be continued until the Monthly treatment should be continued until the absence of mites is confirmed by two consecutive monthly skin scrapings. NexGard effectively treats and controls sarcoptic mange (Sarcoptes scabiei) for a month and improves clinical signs significantly. Two consecutive monthly treatments are recommended. A single dose of NexGard is highly effective against ear mite (Otodoctos exportic) infortations in dose If ear mite (Otodectes cynotis) infestations in dogs. If ear irritation persists, consult a veterinarian

#### **Prevention of Flea Tapeworm Infestation**

The flea tapeworm (Dipylidium caninum) is transmitted by fleas. Dogs become infested by ingesting adult fleas carrying the tapeworm larvae. Effective flea control with NexGard prevents new infestations. To treat an existing infestation, a product registered to treat flea tapeworm should be administered.

NOT TO BE USED FOR ANY PURPOSE, OR IN ANY MANNER, CONTRARY TO THIS LABEL UNLESS AUTHORISED UNDER APPROPRIATE LEGISLATION.

#### **SAFETY DIRECTIONS**

Do not swallow. Wash hands after use.

#### **FIRST AID**

If poisoning occurs contact a doctor or Poisons Information Centre. Phone Australia 131126.

#### ADDITIONAL USER SAFETY INFORMATION

Accidental ingestion of afoxolaner can be harmful to children. To avoid accidental ingestion administer the chewable to the dog immediately after removal from the package. Keep out of reach of children. Additional information is in the Safety Data Sheet.

Dispose of container by wrapping with paper and putting in garbage

#### **STORAGE**

Store below 30°C (room temperature).

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