

VALE WILDLIFE HOSPITAL & REHABILITATION CENTRE

MEDICATIONS & DOSAGES FOR **WILD HEDGEHOGS** (ERINACEUS EUROPAEUS)

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BRAND NAME	ACTIVE INGREDIENT	TYPE	DOSE
AMFIPEN	Ampicillin	Antibiotic injectable & oral preparations	Dose rate: 75mg/kg bodyweight daily for 7 days. Therefore: 250mg/ml injectable = 0.3mls/kg daily s/c, 50mg tablets = one & a half tablets/kg daily orally,
ANTIROBE	Clindamycin	Antibiotic	Dose rate: 25mg/kg bodyweight daily for at least 7 days. Therefore: 25mg capsules = 1 capsule daily.
BAYCOX	Toltrazuril (50mg/ml oral suspension)	Coccidiosis treatment	Dose rate: 100mg/kg orally once, then repeat after 10 days = 2ml/kg orally
BAYTRIL	Enrofloxacin (2.5% or 5%)	Antibiotic - injectable & oral preparations	Dose rate: 20mg/kg twice daily for 10 days. Therefore: 2.5% Baytril = 0.8mls/kg twice daily (s/c if inj or), 5% Baytril = 0.4mls/kg twice daily (s/c if inj.)
BISOLVON	Bromhexine	Bronchodilator & mucolytic oral preparation Use with treatments for heavy Crenosoma (lungworm) burdens	Dose rate: 3mg/kg daily. Therefore: 10mg/gm powder = 0.3gms/kg daily orally for 7-10 days.
BUSCOPAN	Hyoscine Butylbromide	Anti-spasmodic	0.35ml/kg s/c daily for 3 days
CEPOREX	Cephalexin	Antibiotic	Dose rate: 30mg/kg daily for 7 days. Therefore: 180mg/ml injectable = 0.2ml/kg daily s/c 50mg tablets = half a tablet/kg daily orally 100mg oral syrup = 0.3ml/kg.
CLAMOXYL LA	Amoxycillin LA (150mg/ml)	Antibiotic injectable	Dose rate: 100mg/kg. Therefore, 0.7mls/kg bodyweight s/c every other day.
DEXADRESON, COLVASONE	Dexamethasone (2mgs/ml)	Corticosteroid, anti-inflammatory Injectable & oral preparations	Inflammation: 1mg/kg = 0.5ml/kg, Shock: 5mg/kg (2.5ml/kg), Head or spinal trauma: 5mg/kg initially (2.5ml/kg), then 2mg/kg (1ml/kg) s/c twice a day.
DIAZEPAM, VALIUM	Diazepam	Anticonvulsant injectable & oral preparations	1-3mg/kg every 6-8 hours acc to degree of sedation required. Therefore, if using: 5mg/ml injection = 0.2 – 0.6mls/kg s/c, 5mg tablets = one quarter to one half tablet/kg orally.
DIMAZON	Frusemide	Diuretic injectable & oral preparations	Dose rate: 5-10mg/kg twice daily. Therefore: 50mg/ml injectable = 0.1-0.2ml/kg twice daily s/c 20mg tablets = one quarter to half a tablet/kg twice daily orally.
ENGEMYCIN	Oxytetracycline	Antibiotic injectable & oral preparations	Dose rate: 50mg/kg twice daily for 7 days. Therefore: 50mg/ml injectable = 1ml/kg twice daily s/c for 7 days, 50mg tablets = 1 tablet/kg twice daily orally for 7 days,
IMAVEROL	Enilconazole	Antifungal Mix 1:50 with water e.g. 5mls Imaverol to 250mls water (or 1ml Imaverol to 50mls water). Small handheld houseplant sprayers are ideal for this.	Spray well & allow to 'drip dry'. Spray every other day for 2 weeks. Vetericyn spray can be used on alternate days. Keep in warm during treatment. Mixture will keep for 6 weeks.
ITRAFUNGOL	Itraconazole (1% = 10mgs/ml)	Antifungal	1.5mls/kg daily orally for 7 days, repeat after a 7 day break.
IVOMEK, PANOMEK	Ivermectin (1% = 10mgs/ml)	Wormer / parasites (not tapeworms) Use if Capillaria eggs found in faecal sample	0.5ml/kg - 3 inj, s/c each 1 week apart. Mites: 1-3 drops dep. on size directly onto skin on back of neck.
KETOFEN	Ketoprofen (10mgs/ml)	Analgesic / anti-inflammatory	Dose rate: 4mg/ kg = 0.4mls/kg daily s/c for up to 3 days. <b>DO NOT USE IF CORTICOSTEROID GIVEN</b>
LEVACIDE	Levamisole (75mgs/ml)	Wormer (lungworm) Use if Crenosoma larvae found in faecal sample	Dose rate: 0.4mls/kg daily s/c for 3 days. Repeat this from Day 13.
MARBOCYLSA, MARBOCYL 2%	Marbofloxacin	Antibiotic Recommended antibiotic with worming treatments	Dose rate: 8mgs/kg daily for 10 days. Therefore: SA 1% = 0.8ml/kg daily s/c for 10 days, 2% injectable = 0.4ml/kg daily s/c for 10 days.
METACAM / LOXICOM	Meloxicam	Analgesic / anti-inflammatory injectable & oral preparations	Dose rate: 0.5mg/kg for up to 3 days. Therefore: 5mg/ml injection = 0.1ml/kg daily s/c for up to 3 days, 2mg/ml injection = 0.25ml/kg s/c daily for up to 3 days. 0.5mg/ml oral = 1ml/kg daily for up to 3 days, 1.5mg/ml oral = 0.35ml/kg daily for up to 3 days.

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<b>METRONIDAZOLE</b>	Metronidazole	Antibacterial / antiprotozoal injectable & oral preparations	Dose rate: 40mg/kg daily for 5-10 days. Therefore: 5mg/ml injectable = 8mls/kg daily s/c for 5-10 days, 40mg oral solution = 1ml/kg daily for 5-10 days.
<b>PROFENDER</b>	Emodepside, Praziquantel	Wormer (tapeworms), flukicide	Profender Spot-on (cat) = 0.5mls/kg on underbelly skin 3 doses (occ. 4 doses nec.), each 7 days apart.
<b>RIMADYL / CARPRIEVE / NOROCARP</b>	Carprofen (50mgs/ml)	Non-steroidal analgesic / anti-inflammatory injectable & oral preparations	Dose rate: 5mg/kg daily for up to 3 days. Therefore: 50mgs/ml injection = 0.1mls/kg daily s/c, 20mg tablets = quarter of a tablet/kg daily orally. <b>DO NOT USE IF CORTICOSTEROID GIVEN</b>
<b>SYNULOX / NOROCLAV</b>	Amoxicillin / Clavulanate (140mgs/ml)	Antibiotic injectable & oral preparations	Dose rate: 100mg/kg daily (for injectable for at least 7 days. Therefore: 175mg/ml injectable = 0.7mls/kg daily s/c for 7 days, 50mg tablets = 2 tablets/kg twice daily for 7 days orally, Palatable drops = 2mls/kg twice daily for 7 days orally.
<b>TELMIN</b>	Mebendazole	Wormer (lungworm) Note: Levacide inj more effective	100mg/kg orally daily for 5 days. Repeat after 10 days. Therefore, if using: Telmin granules = 1g/kg daily orally, Telmin 200mg/g paste = 0.5ml/kg daily orally.
<b>TORBUGESIC</b>	Butorphanol (10mgs/ml)	Analgesic	0.5mgs/kg = 0.05ml/kg 4 times daily i/m or s/c for up to 2 days
<b>TRIBRISSEN / NORODINE</b>	Trimethoprim / Sulphonamide	Antibiotic	24% injection = 0.5mls/kg daily s/c, Daily for 7 days
<b>TYLAN 200</b>	Tylosin	Antibiotic	Dose rate: 20mg/kg daily for 7 days. 200mg injectable = 0.1ml/kg daily s/c.
<b>VENTIPULMIN</b>	Clenbuterol	Bronchodilator & mucolytic injectable Use with treatments for heavy Crenosoma (lungworm) burdens	0.1ml/kg twice daily s/c
<b>VETERGESIC</b>	Buprenorphine (0.3mgs/ml)	Analgesic & Sedative	Dose rate: 0.03-0.05mgs/kg. Therefore: 0.1-0.15mls/kg every 6 - 12 hours i/m or s/c. <b>CAN BE GIVEN IF CORTICOSTEROID GIVEN</b>
<b>VITAMIN B12</b>		Vitamin supplement	1ml/kg daily
<b>ZANTAC</b>	Ranitidine	Antacid injectable & oral preparations	Dose rate: 3.5mg/kg twice daily for at least 14 days. Therefore: 25mg/ml injectable = 0.15ml/kg twice daily s/c, 15mg syrup = 0.25ml/kg twice daily orally.

s/c = subcutaneous

Most of the medications above are Prescription Only Medicines (POM) which must be prescribed by a veterinary surgeon after first carrying out a physical examination of the animal.

They are not available without prescription.

It is therefore imperative that you have a vet connected to your rescue who is willing to examine the animal, to diagnose any health issues and to prescribe any necessary medications.

Oral preparations can often be mixed with a small amount of food. However, injectable options are recommended whenever possible as under dosing with oral medications is common.

If you need any advice on any of the medications or doses for hedgehogs please contact Vale Wildlife Hospital on 01386 882288 or email [info@valewildlife.org.uk](mailto:info@valewildlife.org.uk)