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EUROPEAN HEDGEHOG PARASITE TREATMENT PROTOCOLS

Following examination of a faecal sample under a microscope, treatments are carried out at Vale depending on the parasites found. The following are the protocols we use for the most commonly found parasites:


Capillaria eggs / adult roundworms:

-  **Ivomec Super** @ 0.5ml/kg weekly by s/c injection for 3 weeks. Recalculate the dose each week as weight should have increased.



Crenosoma larvae & Thorny-headed worms:

-  **Advocate Spot-On for Dogs** @ 0.3ml/kg topically on the back of the hedgehog. Repeat after 10 days.
-  **Marbocyl 2%** @ 0.4ml/kg daily by s/c injection for 10 days. Baytril can be used as above.
If the hedgehog's breathing is affected or there is severe coughing, also give:
-  **Dexamethasone** (2mgs/ml) @ 0.5ml/kg twice daily for 3 days by s/c injection, and
-  **Ventipulmin** @ 0.1ml/kg twice daily by s/c injection for 3 days.

Fluke:

-  **Profender Spot-on for cats** @ 0.5ml/kg directly on skin on the underbelly of the hedgehog weekly for 3 weeks (it does not absorb sufficiently well through the thicker skin/muscle on the spined area of the back). Fluids should be administered alongside fluke treatment as dehydration during treatment is common.

Coccidia:

-  **Tribrissen 24%** @ 0.6ml/kg daily by s/c injection for 7 days, **or**
-  **Baycox Oral Suspension** @ 2ml/kg by mouth (or mix with a small amount of food). Repeat after 10 days. Recalculate the dose as weight should have increased.

**REGULAR FAECAL SAMPLING IS IMPORTANT TO MAKE SURE NOTHING IS MISSED
AND THAT THE CORRECT DRUG IS USED.**

**REMEMBER THAT EGGS/LARVAE/OOCYSTS ARE NOT SHED IN EVERY SAMPLE SO A CLEAR
EXAMINATION DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN NO PARASITES ARE PRESENT.**