

Frequently asked questions about **BRAVECTO**



Your veterinarian has just prescribed BRAVECTO® chewable tablets to help control fleas and ticks on your dog. BRAVECTO® is an innovative product, and you may have questions about how to use it and how it works. You'll find answers to many of those questions below.

HOW IS BRAVECTO® ADMINISTERED?

BRAVECTO® is a tasty pork-flavoured chewable tablet that many dogs will take as a treat. If needed, BRAVECTO® can be added to your dog's food, or even placed directly into your dog's mouth. In all cases, it is important to make sure your dog eats the entire tablet.

SHOULD BRAVECTO® BE GIVEN WITH FOOD?

Since BRAVECTO® is better absorbed by the body when it is taken with food, the tablet should ideally be given with a meal.

HOW DOES BRAVECTO® KILL FLEAS AND TICKS?

After BRAVECTO® is administered, fluralaner (the active ingredient in BRAVECTO®) is rapidly distributed to the tissues, including your dog's skin. When fleas and ticks try to feed, they take up small amounts of fluralaner. The fluralaner targets the nervous system of the fleas and ticks, causing it to malfunction and rapidly killing them. This killing activity continues for 12 weeks with only one dose of BRAVECTO®.

HOW QUICKLY WILL BRAVECTO® KILL FLEAS?

Following the initial administration of BRAVECTO®, fleas on the dog will begin to die quickly, and the majority of fleas will be dead within 12 hours. This rapid speed of kill continues for a full 12 weeks.

DOES BRAVECTO® HAVE ANY SIDE EFFECTS?

BRAVECTO® is well tolerated and there are very few side effects. Mild vomiting that did not require treatment has been reported in some cases. Please contact your veterinarian if vomiting occurs within three hours of administration, as this may impact the effectiveness of the product.

DO I NEED TO ISOLATE MY DOG OR AVOID CONTACT WITH HIM/HER AFTER BRAVECTO® IS ADMINISTERED?

There is no reason to stop touching your dog when treating with BRAVECTO®. Additionally, a dog receiving BRAVECTO does not need to be kept apart from cats or other household pets. On other words, BRAVECTO® is pet- and family-friendly.

CAN MY DOG GO SWIMMING OR BE BATHED AFTER RECEIVING BRAVECTO®?

Because BRAVECTO® is an oral product, bathing, shampooing and swimming should have no impact on either its effectiveness or its 12-week duration of effect.

HOW DOES BRAVECTO® WORK TO CONTROL FLEA INFESTATION IN THE HOME?

Fleas that feed on a dog receiving BRAVECTO® are killed before they can lay eggs and produce a new generation of fleas. However, any fleas in their juvenile stages (eggs, larvae and pupae) that are present in your home before you treat your dog will mature into adult fleas over a period of several weeks. When these new adult fleas try to feed on your dog, they will quickly be killed by BRAVECTO® before they have a chance to lay eggs. As a result, the flea life cycle will be interrupted. Remember, it is important for all pets living in your household to be treated with an appropriate flea control product as prescribed by your veterinarian in order to keep fleas from infesting your home.

DOES BRAVECTO® HELP IMPROVE SIGNS OF FLEA ALLERGY DERMATITIS?

Yes, BRAVECTO® kills the fleas that cause flea allergy dermatitis (FAD). BRAVECTO® provides excellent long-term flea control by killing fleas for 12 weeks, interrupting the flea life cycle and controlling flea infestations in the home.

DO TICKS NEED TO BECOME ENGORGED FOR BRAVECTO® TO WORK?

No. When ticks feed on a dog's blood for extended periods, they increase in size, which is referred to as "engorgement." Ticks only need to feed for a short time to ingest enough BRAVECTO® to be killed, and will die before engorgement occurs. Any engorged ticks that may be on your dog prior to BRAVECTO® administration will also be killed soon after BRAVECTO® is given.

DOES BRAVECTO® HELP PREVENT THE TRANSMISSION OF TICK-BORNE DISEASES?

BRAVECTO® quickly kills ticks that may carry harmful diseases, such as Lyme disease. BRAVECTO® is expected to greatly reduce the risk of transmission of tick-borne disease due to this rapid tick-killing action. However, a comprehensive tick control strategy to help reduce the risk of disease is always recommended. Such a strategy included voiding areas where ticks are commonly found, checking your dog daily for ticks, and promptly removing any ticks you may find on your dog. Vaccination against tick-borne diseases, when available, should be considered.

IF MY DOG IS RECEIVING BRAVECTO®, SHOULD I BE CONCERNED ABOUT TICK CONTROL FOR MYSELF AND MY FAMILY?

Dogs and their owners often visit the same places, such as city parks, hiking trails, campsites and wooded areas. The ticks that feed on dogs will also feed on people, if the opportunity arises. That means you and your family could also be at risk, along with your dog. Of you are in a tick-endemic area, taking precautions to protect yourself, such as using a tick control product before going outside, staying on pathways when walking outdoors, and performing daily tick checks, will help reduce your risk. For more information on tick control measures for people, please consult the Public Health Agency of Canada website, at www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/id-mi/lyme/prevention-eng.php.

CONGRATULATIONS!

You are now armed and ready to provide your dog with the longest-lasting defense available against fleas and ticks... giving you lasting peace of mind.

If you have additional questions regarding the use of BRAVECTO®, please contact your veterinary clinic, your pet's trusted health care experts.



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