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PC Changes 2021 - Dog

Dear Pet Club Member

RE: Important Information Regarding Changes to our Pet Club

Over the last year we have been looking to see how we may improve our pet club offering and from mid-August 2021 we will be making the following changes:

Parasite Control

We continually review our selected parasite products for our Pet Club Members to ensure that we offer the most complete and simplest protection for your pet. For this reason, we have made the decision to change our recommended parasite product for dogs.

Tick Treatment Now Included!

Our dog Pet Club Members will now be supplied with Nexgard Spectra that not only protects against fleas, lungworm and roundworm but also ticks in a single, monthly, tasty chew. This will be supplied in a three month pack every 3 months. We have changed to this product for the following reasons:

- Tick treatment is included in the cost rather than you needing to purchase a separate product
- Using a chew means that your dog can be stroked and cuddled straight away, plus swimming or bathing won't affect the treatment working
- The chew is tasty and can be given without food, in fact many dogs will take it as a treat! This means you can be confident that the full dose has always been given.

We are sure that your pet will love this treatment just as much as you'll love the convenience!

NB: Please ensure you read the drug information included within the product prior to giving your dog their first dose and read our Frequently Asked Questions on the back of this letter

Tapeworm Doses Reduced!

In addition, due to a low risk of tapeworm infection in our local area, we will be revising the number of doses of tapeworm treatment that you are required to give your dog per a year. Recent advice has recommended that tapeworm treatment (if a dog is receiving regular flea treatment - the main risk coming from tapeworm-infected fleas) can be reduced to a single annual dose for most dogs. Therefore, from August 2021 we will include and supply one tapeworm dose per a year to our dog Pet Club Members.

On the rare occasion that your dog scavenges on sheep carcasses, is fed on raw offal or a raw food diet that has not been frozen then please speak to one of vets for advice as it is recommended that these dogs receive monthly tapeworm treatments*.

*Additional treatments are not included in our Pet Club but can be purchased at 15% discount.

6-Month Health Check with a Vet

In addition, to offering a full Veterinary Health Check with one of our vets at their Annual Vaccination, we have now upgraded our 6-month health check to a Veterinary Consultation. This is carried out 6-months after your pet's vaccination.

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Monthly Direct Debit Cost Frozen

Despite incorporating a more advanced parasite product in our plan we have decided to freeze the monthly cost of our plan for existing Pet Club Members until at least the first quarter of 2022.

Home Delivery

We will soon be offering home delivery of your pet's parasite control via our Home Delivery Postal Service. To take advantage of this service you will be required to upgrade your monthly direct debit* to our new Home Delivery Plan.

Should you be interested in our delivery service please email petclub@willetthouse.co.uk

Yours Sincerely

Willet House Veterinary Team

*Home delivery plan fee is based on our current 2021 plan prices plus £1.50 delivery supplement

Nexgard Spectra FAQ

What is Nexgard Spectra?

Nexgard Spectra is an oral form of parasite treatment for dogs and it provides protection against fleas, ticks, lungworm and intestinal worms through regular monthly treatments.

How long does Nexgard Spectra protect my dog from fleas and ticks and lungworm?

Nexgard Spectra once given provides protection for an entire month from fleas, ticks and lungworm. Hence, it is advised to be given once per a month.

What is the preferred dose? Is it related to my dog's weight?

Yes, the doses are related to a dog's weight and should be given accordingly. Tablets must not be split and your dog must receive the full dose.

Does Nexgard Spectra need to be given with food?

You need not have to give it with food because of its beef taste. All the dogs around the world love this chew. However, if you want, you can give it with food but make sure that your dog completes the meal as half left meal will result in under dosing.

Can a Nexgard Spectra chew be split so I can dose more than one dog?

No, since it might result in under dosing. Each chew is meant to be fully consumed by a single pet as per their weight.

What age can Nexgard Spectra be used from?

It can be given to dogs more than 8 weeks of age and weighing more than 1.75kg.

What happens if my dog is under 8 weeks and/or weighing under 1.75kg?

We will use alternative treatments until your dog reaches 8 weeks and/or weighs over 1.75kg.

How long after administering Nexgard Spectra can my dog be bathed or go swimming?

Unlike some topical formulations or collars, Nexgard Spectra is not affected by swimming or bathing because it is an oral form of treatment. Immediately after the dose is given your dog can go out and play, exercise or swim.

How do I dose a dog that weighs more than 60 kg with Nexgard Spectra?

Administer an appropriate combination of chewable tablet, For Example – for 80 kg dog; administer one 30.1–60 kg chew together with one 15.1–30 kg chew.

Why doesn't Nexgard Spectra cover tapeworms?

Nexgard Spectra does not contain Praziquantel. Therefore, we would advise an annual dose with Droncit - this annual dose is included under the Pet Club.

Can it be given to pregnant or lactating dogs?

Use of Nexgard Spectra is still not evaluated in breeding, lactating or pregnant dogs. Please discuss with us further if your dog comes under this.

Can it be given to a dog having a history of epilepsy or seizures?

The answer is yes. However, we ask all clients to discuss using Nexgard Spectra with a vet before using this treatment if your dog has a history of epilepsy or any other seizure disorders.

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