



TAKE PARASITE PROTECTION TO THE **NEXT LEVEL**

Parasite protection just got easier –
learn about your dog's medication
inside this leaflet.



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CONGRATULATIONS!

**YOUR DOG IS NOW
PROTECTED AGAINST
THESE KEY PARASITES:†**



Fleas



Ticks



Mites†



Lungworms



Roundworms

WHY YOUR VET HAS PRESCRIBED NEXGARD SPECTRA®



Easy-to-give tasty chew that your dog can enjoy with or without food



A simple monthly dose to keep them covered



Keep living life, without interruptions – no need to restrict swimming, shampooing or cuddles

Let's take a quick look at why your vet prescribed NexGard SPECTRA® – and how easy it is to maintain your dog's protection.



WITHOUT REGULAR PREVENTATIVE TREATMENT,*

THESE PARASITES COULD BE A RISK TO YOUR DOG AND FAMILY.



Year-round fleas

- Fleas are a common problem in dogs – and once they're established, there can be up to 95 flea eggs, larvae or pupae hiding in your home or garden for every 5 fleas on your dog¹
- They can pass on diseases and tapeworms to your dog – and can also bite humans and transmit disease²
- If your home is contaminated, your vet may recommend additional measures, including treating other pets with an appropriate product

NexGard SPECTRA[®] contains afoxolaner, which starts to kill fleas after 2 hours,³ effectively breaking the flea life cycle and kills them all within 8 hours.



Threat from ticks

- 1 in 3 dogs are infested with ticks⁴ – and they're often so small they can be almost impossible to find in your dog's coat
- 1 in 50 ticks carry Lyme disease⁵ – and they can pass this on, with other diseases, to pets and humans⁶
- Ticks are most active from spring to autumn, but they may be found all year round in parks, woodland and gardens, so even in urban areas, your dog can be at risk

NexGard SPECTRA[®] contains afoxolaner, which kills ticks within 48 hours minimising the risk of disease transmission.⁷⁻⁹



Contagious mites

- These tiny arachnids infest dogs' skin and can be highly contagious, easily passing between dogs as they play
- Ear mites live on the wax and skin oils in the ear canal and can severely irritate dogs' ears
- Other types of mite cause mange, which can be intensely itchy and cause hair loss and sores

Afoxolaner in NexGard SPECTRA[®] is 98–100% effective against sarcoptic and demodectic mange as well as ear mites (*Otodectes cynotis*).[†]



Deadly lungworms

- Dogs get lungworms by being exposed to infected slugs and snails – and playing with toys left outside, eating grass and scavenging could put them at risk
- *Angiostrongylus vasorum* is the most common type of lungworm affecting dogs in the UK – and cases are on the rise, as these worms have spread across Great Britain and Ireland^{7,8}
- Lungworm infection in dogs is serious and can be fatal⁹
- Dogs at risk of lungworm disease need monthly preventative treatment¹⁰

NexGard SPECTRA[®] effectively prevents lungworm infection in dogs¹¹ – so you can relax, knowing your dog's protected.



Roundworm risk

- Roundworm eggs are everywhere – they've been found in soil from 86.6% of parks in the UK and Ireland,¹¹ and 1 in 5 dogs have them on their paws and coats¹²
- They can be harmful not only to dogs – and especially puppies – but also immunocompromised people and children
- 27% of children have antibodies to the type of roundworm commonly found in dogs,¹³ and this has been linked to a higher risk of epilepsy,¹⁸ asthma¹⁵ and lower scores in maths and reading assessments²⁰

Monthly treatment with NexGard SPECTRA[®] effectively treats roundworms and virtually eliminates shedding,²¹ helping to protect your dog and your family.



*Treatment frequency should be based on your dog's parasite risk. Advice should be sought from the prescriber. Prescription decisions are for the person issuing the prescription alone.

WITH NEXGARD SPECTRA®, PROTECTING YOUR DOG – AND YOUR FAMILY – FROM PARASITES IS **SIMPLE.**

**JUST ONE TASTY CHEW A
MONTH, AND YOU'RE DONE,
READY FOR FUSS-FREE
OUTDOOR FUN.**

The best bit? Because it's a chew, you're good to go with swimming, shampooing and, of course, all the cuddling, right from day one.

Keep track of your dog's monthly treatment date here:



And why not set up a convenient reminder using your phone, smart speaker or other compatible device?

Just say "Remind me to give NexGard SPECTRA® to Barney on the 10th of every month."

Your vet has prescribed NexGard SPECTRA® to help keep your pet protected based on their current lifestyle and level of risk.

We recommend a quick and easy parasite risk assessment in 6 months' time to make sure the frequency remains appropriate for their lifestyle.

It takes just a few minutes and can help you and your vet determine how often your dog needs treating to keep them protected.

Set up a reminder on your phone, smart speaker or other device now – and when it's time to check, you can simply scan the QR code or visit **petparasiteprotection.co.uk** to discover your dog's personalised risk profile.

**For more information visit:
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† NexGard SPECTRA® also covers heartworms, hookworms, whipworms and eyeworms. NexGard SPECTRA® mite indication is for treatment of sarcoptic mange, demodicosis and ear mites (*Otodectes cynotis*). NexGard SPECTRA® does not cover tapeworms.

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