



# Routine Parasite Control Procedures for cats in CP care

These procedures are written as guidance for cats in the care of Cats Protection. More frequent treatment for fleas and worms may be required if a cat or kittens has a heavy burden of fleas or worms on coming into Cats Protection's care. The vet's advice must be sought.

**If a cat is known to have been treated with any flea or worm treatment in the last 2 weeks, do not treat it and seek veterinary advice.**

- Always wear gloves when handling and administering medication and wash hands straight afterwards.
- Ensure accurate bodyweight of the cat is obtained before dosing with flea or worm treatment and seek advice before treating underweight (less than body condition score of 2/5) or unwell cats or those on other medication.
- See the drug datasheets for further information. If in doubt, seek veterinary advice before treating.
- Apply all topical treatments to the back of the cat's neck where it can't lick itself
- Do not apply topical treatments to a wet cat, wait until it is dry and do not bath the cat for 48 hours after any topical treatment.

Do not treat any cats on any other medication (or given any other medication within the last 2 weeks) without seeking veterinary advice first.

This parasite control guidance, produced for cats in CP care, does not translate to owned cats where husbandry and parasite exposure may differ significantly. Instead, owners should be directed to seek specific veterinary advice for parasite control guidance for their own pet.

# Adult cat over 6 months of age (but not pregnant or lactating queens)

## Flea, roundworm and tapeworm treatment

### *Broadline Spot-On Solution for Cats:*

Bodyweight of cat	Treatment
<2.5kg	Broadline Spot-On Solution for Cats <2.5 kg
2.5kg-7.5kg	Broadline Spot-On Solution for Cats 2.5 – 7.5 kg

### When?

- On admission
- At adoption (if longer than 4 weeks since last dose)
- 6 monthly whilst in CP care

# Pregnant and Lactating queens

## Flea and roundworm treatment

### *Stronghold Spot-On Solution for Cats:*

Bodyweight of cat	Treatment
<2.5kg	Stronghold Spot-On Solution for Cats 15mg for Cats < 2.5 kg
2.6 – 7.5kg	Stronghold Spot-On Solution for Cats 45mg 2.6 – 7.5 kg

#### When:

- On admission, then every 4 weeks until kittens are weaned
- For subsequent treatments after kittens are weaned, see 'Adult Cat over 6 months of age (not pregnant or lactating queens)

## Tapeworm treatment

### *Droncit 50mg Tablets:*

Bodyweight of cat	Treatment
Adult cat	½ Droncit 50mg Tablet given by mouth

#### When:

- On admission
- For subsequent treatments, see 'Adult Cat over 6 months of age (not pregnant or lactating queens)

For cats that are difficult to treat with a tablet, Droncit spot on 20mg solution is available that can be used instead of ½ Droncit tablet, but it is considerably more expensive:

### *Droncit spot on 20mg solution:*

Bodyweight of cat	Treatment
1 - 2.5kg	1 tube of Droncit spot on 20mg solution applied topically
>2.5 – 5kg	2 tubes of Droncit spot on 20mg solution applied topically
>5kg	3 tubes of Droncit spot on 20mg solution applied topically

# Kitten under 6 months of age - born in CP care to queen treated for fleas and worms when pregnant

## Flea and worming treatment 0-7 weeks of age

### Flea treatment 0-7 weeks of age:

Flea treatment is not routinely required for kittens until they are 7 weeks of age, if the queen was adequately treated prior to birth and is housed in a flea free environment. If treatment is needed, use Frontline spray applied to kittens over 2 days of age topically (number of pumps depends on bottle size, coat length and bodyweight)

### Worm treatment 0-4 weeks of age:

No treatment

### Worm treatment 4-7 weeks of age:

Panacur Small Animal 10% Oral Suspension or Panacur 18.75% Oral Paste given by mouth. Give kitten dose once daily for 3 days - see Panacur kitten dose table

## Flea and worming treatment 7 weeks of age or older:

### ***Broadline Spot-On Solution for Cats:***

Bodyweight of cat	Treatment
0.6-2.5kg	Broadline Spot-On Solution for Cats <2.5 kg
2.5 – 7.5 kg	Broadline Spot-On Solution for Cats 2.5 – 7.5kg

### When:

- At 7 weeks of age
- Treat every 4 weeks from 7 weeks of age until 6 months of age if still in care
- treat as adult cat once over 6 months of age

# **Kitten under 6 months of age - not born in CP care or with unknown queen worming and flea treatment history (NB If pregnant, follow procedure for pregnant queens)**

## **Flea and Worming treatment 0-7 weeks of age:**

### Flea treatment 2 days – 7 weeks of age

Frontline Spray applied topically. Number of sprays depends on bottle size, coat length and bodyweight. Check the directions on bottle before use.

### Worm treatment 0-4 weeks of age

No treatment

### Worm treatment 4-7 weeks of age

Panacur Small Animal 10% Oral Suspension or Panacur 18.75% Oral Paste given by mouth. Give kitten dose once daily for 3 days - see Panacur kitten dose table

## **Flea and Worming treatment 7 weeks of age or older:**

### ***Broadline Spot-On Solution for Cats***

<b>Bodyweight of cat</b>	<b>Treatment</b>
0.6 - 2.5kg	Broadline Spot-On Solution for Cats < 2.5kg
2.5 – 7.5kg	Broadline Spot-On Solution for Cats 2.5 – 7.5kg

### When:

- On admission
- Every 4 weeks until 6 months of age, then treat as adult cat once over 6 months of age.

# Additional notes on parasite control

## Ear mites

Treat only when **vet has diagnosed ear mites**.

**Cats must be 6 weeks of age or older**

Bodyweight of cat	Treatment
<2.5kg	Stronghold Spot-On Solution for Cats 15mg for Cats < 2.5 kg
2.6 – 7.5kg	Stronghold Spot-On Solution for Cats 45mg 2.6 – 7.5 kg

## Feral Cats

Where funds allow, flea and worm treatment can be given to feral cats under general anaesthesia as part of a Trap Neuter Return programme if deemed necessary by your vet.

Broadline Spot-On Solution for Cats can be used to treat for fleas and worms.

## Flea control in the environment

Areas used to house or transport cats will need to be treated for fleas periodically, to control environmental sources of flea infection. Environmental sprays may be needed every 6 months or more frequently, depending on facilities and conditions. Seek veterinary advice on an appropriate product and guidance on its application.

## Panacur dose chart for kittens

Bodyweight of kitten	Dose of <b>Panacur Small Animal 10% Oral Suspension</b> to be given by mouth daily for 3 days (0.5ml per kg bodyweight)	Dose of <b>Panacur 18.75% Oral Paste</b> to be given by mouth daily for 3 days (1 notch/syringe graduation per kg bodyweight)
0.25kg	0.13ml	1 notch
0.5kg	0.25ml	1 notch
0.75kg	0.38ml	1 notch
1.0kg	0.5ml	1 notch
1.25kg	0.63ml	2 notches
1.5kg	0.75ml	2 notches
1.75kg	0.88ml	2 notches
2.0kg	1.0ml	2 notches

See datasheet for full instruction