



# 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 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 cats 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 24 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 treatment

Advantage Spot-On Solution for Cats or Frontline Combo Spot-On Cat:

Bodyweight of cat	Treatment
<4kg	Advantage 40 mg Spot-On Solution for Small Cats, Small Dogs & Pet Rabbits applied topically
4kg or greater	Advantage 80 mg Spot-On Solution for Large Cats and Pet Rabbits applied topically
1-9kg	Frontline Combo Spot-On Cat, applied topically

When?

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

## Worming treatment

Drontal Cat Tablets:

Bodyweight of cat	Treatment
>1-2kg	½ Drontal Cat Tablet given by mouth
> 2-4kg	1 Drontal Cat Tablet given by mouth
>4-6kg	1 ½ Drontal Cat Tablets given by mouth
>6-8kg	2 Drontal Cat Tablets given by mouth
>8-10kg	2 ½ Drontal Cat Tablets given by mouth

When?

- On admission
- At adoption (if longer than 3 months since last dose)
- 6 monthly whilst in CP care

# Lactating queens

## Flea treatment

### Advantage Spot-On Solution for Cats

Bodyweight of cat	Treatment
<4kg	Advantage 40 mg Spot-On Solution for Small Cats, Small Dogs & Pet Rabbits applied topically
4kg or greater	Advantage 80 mg Spot-On Solution for Large Cats and Pet Rabbits applied topically

## Lactating queens

### Advantage Spot-On Solution for Cats:

When?

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

## Worming treatment

### Drontal Cat Tablets:

Bodyweight of cat	Treatment
>1-2kg	½ Drontal Cat Tablet given by mouth
> 2-4kg	1 Drontal Cat Tablet given by mouth
>4-6kg	1 ½ Drontal Cat Tablets given by mouth
>6-8kg	2 Drontal Cat Tablets given by mouth
>8-10kg	2 ½ Drontal Cat Tablets given by mouth

When?

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

# Pregnant queens

## Flea treatment

Advantage Spot-On Solution for Cats or Frontline Combo Spot-On Cat:

Bodyweight of cat	Treatment
<4kg	Advantage 40 mg Spot-On Solution for Small Cats, Small Dogs & Pet Rabbits applied topically
4kg or greater	Advantage 80 mg Spot-On Solution for Large Cats and Pet Rabbits applied topically
1-9kg	Frontline Combo Spot-On Cat, applied topically

When?

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

## Worming treatment

Profender Spot-on Solution for cats:

Bodyweight of cat	Treatment
0.5 – 2.5kg	Profender Spot-on Solution for Small Cats applied topically
>2.5-5kg	Profender Spot-on Solution for Medium Cats applied topically
>5-8kg	Profender Spot-on Solution for Large Cats applied topically

When?

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

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

## Flea treatment

0-8 weeks of age:

Treatment is not routinely required for kittens until they are 8 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)

8 weeks of age or older

Advantage Spot-On Solution for Cats or Frontline Combo Spot-On Cat:

Bodyweight of cat	Treatment
0.5-5kg	Advantage 40 mg Spot-On Solution for Small Cats, Small Dogs & Pet Rabbits applied topically
1-9kg	Frontline Combo Spot-On Cat, applied topically

When?

- At 8 weeks of age
- At adoption (if longer than 4 weeks since last dose)
- 6 monthly whilst in care - treat as adult cat once over 6 months of age

## Worm treatment

0-4 Weeks of age:

No treatment

4-8 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

8 weeks of age or older:

Drontal Cat Tablets:

Bodyweight of cat	Treatment
>0.5-1kg	¼ Drontal Cat Tablet given by mouth
>1-2kg	½ Drontal Cat Tablet given by mouth
>2-4kg	1 Drontal Cat Tablet given by mouth

When?

- Treat at 4 weeks and 8 weeks of age
- Treat every 4 weeks from 8 weeks of age until 6 months of age if still in care
- then 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 treatment

2 days – 8 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.

8 weeks of age or older:

Advantage Spot-On Solution for Cats or Frontline Combo Spot-On Cat:

Bodyweight of cat	Treatment
0.5-5kg	Advantage 40 mg Spot-On Solution for Small Cats, Small Dogs & Pet Rabbits applied topically
1-9kg	Frontline Combo Spot-On Cat, applied topically

When:

- On admission
- At adoption (if longer than 4 weeks since last dose)
- 6 monthly whilst in care - treat as adult cat once over 6 months of age

## Worming treatment

0-4 weeks of age :

No treatment

4-8 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

8 weeks of age or older:

Drontal Cat Tablets:

Bodyweight of cat	Treatment
>0.5-1kg	¼ Drontal Cat Tablet given by mouth
>1-2kg	½ Drontal Cat Tablet given by mouth
>2-4kg	1 Drontal Cat Tablet given by mouth

When?

- On admission or at 4 weeks of age if come into care younger than 4 weeks of age
- At 8 weeks of age – all kittens must have been treated at least once with Drontal Cat prior to adoption
- 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.

Advocate Spot-on Solution for cats is significantly more expensive than Frontline Combo Spot-On Cat or Advantage Spot-On Solution for Cats and should not be used as the routine flea treatment in CP cats.

**Cats must be 9 weeks of age or older**

Bodyweight of cat	Treatment
1-4kg	Advocate Spot-On Solution for small cats and ferrets applied topically
>4-8kg	Advocate Spot-On Solution for large cats applied topically

## Profender Spot-On Solution for cats

This product can be used for worming treatment in cats that cannot be given tablets and all pregnant queens. It is significantly more expensive than Drontal Cat Tablets and should not be used as the routine worm treatment in CP cats.

**Cats must be 8 weeks of age or older**

Bodyweight of cat	Treatment
>0.5-2.5kg	Profender Spot-on Solution for Small Cats applied topically
>2.5-5kg	Profender Spot-on Solution for Medium Cats applied topically
>5-8kg	Profender Spot-on Solution for Large Cats applied topically

## 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.

Speak with your vet to determine the best combination of products to use in the situation eg Frontline Spray only, or Frontline Combo for Cats and Profender for Cats, or Advocate for Cats and Droncit Spot-On.

## 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 Panacur Small Animal 10% Oral Suspension to be given by mouth daily for 3 days (0.5ml per kg bodyweight)	Dose of Panacur 18.75% Oral Paste 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 instructions