

Moxidectin, Injection (Dogs)

(mox-i-**dek**-tin)

Key Information

- Moxidectin injection is used to prevent heartworm disease and treat intestinal hookworm infections in dogs.
- This injection is only given by certified veterinary professionals. You will not give this medication at home.
- Your dog should test negative for heartworm infection prior to receiving this medication.
- Side effects are generally mild but watch your dog closely after this medication is given. Contact your veterinarian if you notice vomiting, diarrhea, low energy levels, changes in appetite, seizures, facial swelling, difficulty breathing, or collapse.

Note: The purpose of this information sheet is to answer commonly asked questions. It does not contain all available information for this medication and is not a substitute for medical advice provided by your veterinary healthcare team.

Description	• Antiparasitic agent • Available as a long-acting injectable
Other common names	<i>ProHeart 6, ProHeart 12</i>
Uses	FDA-approved uses in animals: • Prevention of heartworm disease in dogs • Treatment of existing hookworm infections in dogs
Before this medication is given	No medication is 100% safe in all patients. Discuss with your veterinarian: • Any other medications or supplements your dog is taking • Any conditions or diseases your dog has now or has had in the past • Any side effects your dog has had to medications in the past • The risks of using this medication if your dog is pregnant or nursing Dogs should test negative for heartworm infection before beginning heartworm preventives.
Warnings for animals	• This medication should not be used in dogs: - That are allergic to moxidectin or similar medications, like ivermectin or milbemycin - That are sick, frail, or underweight - With a history of weight loss • This medication should be used with caution in dogs: - With allergic diseases, including food allergies and allergic dermatitis - That are receiving vaccinations during the same visit - That are heartworm positive - With kidney or liver disease - That are younger than 6 to 12 months old, depending on the product used • An annual heartworm test is recommended while your dog is receiving this medication. • If your dog has the MDR1 genetic mutation, make sure to check with your veterinarian before giving any other medications while your dog is receiving moxidectin. • Certain medications are not allowed in some animal competitions. Check rules and regulations when your animal is taking a medication.
Warnings for humans	You will not be handling this medication.
How do I give this medication?	• This medication is only administered by certified veterinary professionals. • This medication is given once every 6 to 12 months, depending on the product.

Side effects	After this medication is given, watch your dog carefully for any side effects or reactions. Contact your veterinarian immediately if you notice any signs of illness, including: • Vomiting • Diarrhea • Low energy levels • Changes in appetite • Seizures • Facial swelling, itching, or hives. These may be signs of an allergic reaction. • Difficulty breathing or collapse. These can be signs of a life-threatening allergic reaction (<i>anaphylaxis</i>). *Most reactions occur within 24 hours. *
How will I know it's working?	• If using this medication as a heartworm preventive, you will not see its effects. Your veterinarian will monitor how well it's working with routine heartworm tests. • If using this medication to treat active hookworm infection, your dog's signs should start improving as the parasites die. - Hookworms may take several days or longer to die. <i>Contact your veterinary clinic if your animal's signs worsen or do not improve.</i>
How long will the medication effects last?	• This medication provides protection against heartworm infections for 6 to 12 months, depending on the product. • This medication does not provide ongoing protection against hookworm infections.
How long do I give it for?	• This medication should be given on an ongoing basis to provide the best protection.
Overdose	If you witness or suspect an overdose, call your veterinarian or an animal-specific poison control center (consultation fee applies): • ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center: (888) 426-4435 • Pet Poison Helpline: (855) 764-7661
Missed dose	• If a dose is missed, make an appointment with your veterinarian as soon as possible to schedule the next dose. Additional testing may be needed if there was a gap in coverage.
Storage	You will not be storing this medication.
Disposal	You will not be disposing of this medication.
Questions?	Talk to your veterinarian.