

Puppy Dewormer Schedule

Deworming should occur when puppies are two weeks of age and then every two weeks until they reach 12 weeks and again at 16 weeks. Puppies should always be dewormed upon intake unless records exist of previous deworming.

Pyrantel pamoate (in liquid form) should be the first choice for deworming, especially between 2 and 6 weeks of age. It is effective against hookworms and roundworms and starts killing them within 2 hours of administration and becomes ineffective after 24 hours.

It may be necessary to give a multi-action dewormer that includes praziquantel, pyrantel pamoate, and febantel (name brand Quad Dewormer or Drontal Plus) as this trio will treat roundworms, hookworms, tapeworms, and whipworms.

Age	Dewormer	Dose
2 weeks	Pyrantel pamoate	1 ml/10 lbs.
4 weeks	Pyrantel pamoate	1 ml/10 lbs.
6 weeks	Pyrantel Pamoate (Nemex) or Praziquantel/pyrantel pamoate/febantel (Quad Dewormer)	1 ml/10 lbs. (Pyrantel) See box of quad dewormer based on weight range + weight
8 weeks	Pyrantel pamoate	1 ml/10 lbs.
10 weeks	Pyrantel pamoate	1 ml/10 lbs.
12 weeks	Pyrantel pamoate	1 ml/10 lbs.

Available Puppy Dewormers

Here is a list of the most commonly used dewormers and when they can be used in puppies. Pyrantel pamoate is most ideal for very young puppies unless a fecal sample shows the puppy has hookworms or whipworms or your vet has prescribed otherwise.

Dewormer	Dewormer (Brand Name)	Minimum Age/Weight	Dose	Treats
Pyrantel Pamoate	Nemex	2+ weeks	1ml/10 lbs.	Roundworms, tapeworms
Fenbendazole	Panacur, Safe-Guard	6+ weeks	0.5ml/1 kg, 3-5 days in a row 1g/10 lbs. (granules), 3-5 days in a row	Roundworms, some types of tapeworms, hookworms, whipworms, giardia
Praziquantel	Droncit	4+ weeks	5mg/1 kg (tablet)	Tapeworms
Febantel	Drontal Plus, Quad Dewormer	3+ weeks, 2+ lbs.	tablets, by weight range	Whipworms
Praziquantel/ pyrantel pamoate/ febantel	Quad Dewormer	3+ weeks, 2+ lbs.	tablets, by weight range	Roundworms, hookworms, tapeworms, whipworms