

FACT SHEET

EXAGEN

WHAT IS EXAGEN

Exagen is a powder for oral administration to calves that are at risk of cryptosporidiosis infection associated with *Cryptosporidium parvum*.

Contains soluble dietary fibre, prebiotic carbohydrates, and beta-cyclodextrin 800g/kg.

WHAT IS EXAGEN FOR?

Exagen is recommended as either a preventative or therapeutic aid in the recovery of calves at risk of scours associated with cryptosporidiosis.

Beta-cyclodextrin aids in the reduction of cryptosporidial oocyst production.

WHEN SHOULD YOU USE EXAGEN?

Scours caused by the cryptosporidia parasite are normally seen in calves from 7 – 14 days of age. Infection can result in damage to the cells of the small and large intestine resulting in a watery diarrhoea. Calves may also have a fever, become dehydrated and weak. Some may die.

Faecal samples can be used to identify a cryptosporidiosis infection. Sick calves should be isolated into a separate shed and strict hygiene measures instigated.

HOW DO YOU USE EXAGEN?

Prevention:

It is recommended to add Exagen to colostrum, milk, or milk replacers.

Add 12.5g Exagen twice daily (i.e. 25g daily) to a meal of colostrum, milk or milk replacers. Make up to the required volume for the feed e.g. 2 litres.

Dose for at least 3 days.

Preventative dosing with Exagen can be continued up to 12 days of age. This will extend the benefits of improved recovery from cryptosporidiosis scours to 18 days of age.

Treatment:

Exagen as a therapeutic aid is recommended to be added to Enervade to improve the rate of recovery for calves with cryptosporidial scours. Add 12.5g Exagen twice daily with 6 – 8 hours between the first two treatments. Give two treatments the first day and at least one dose of 12.5g Exagen with Enervade on both day 2 and day 3 of treatment.

Kryptade is recommended as the electrolyte replacement to further aid the recovery of scouring calves from cryptosporidiosis. It is an isotonic electrolyte made of Enervade and beta-cyclodextrin. With added flavour enhancers and additional amino acids.

Calves treated with Exagen as directed and which subsequently develop scours associated with cryptosporidiosis will require fewer electrolyte treatments to recover their appetite and have an earlier return to full milk feeds. Calves will respond to electrolyte treatment faster, being brighter and more alert earlier.

Seek veterinary attention for calves becoming moribund or failing to respond to treatment.

WITHHOLDING PERIOD

Nil

STORAGE

Store at room temperature in a sealed container under dry conditions. Avoid extremes of humidity and temperatures.

PACK SIZES

5kg, 20kg

REGISTERED VETERINARY MEDICINE

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