

Diarrhea in Cats with Ringworm

PURPOSE

This document defines APA! policy and procedure for treating diarrhea in cats with ringworm.

SCOPE

These policies and procedures apply to all staff and volunteers responsible for, or assisting with, APA! Cat Program and Ringworm Wards.

POLICY

APA! staff and volunteers will treat cats that are experiencing diarrhea as a result of having ringworm or treatment of ringworm in accordance with the documented procedures.

Prior to administering any medication all APA! staff and volunteers must familiarize themselves with animal medical charts, illnesses, and medications currently prescribed or recently administered. Upon intake of cats into APA! Ringworm Ward, the following medications most likely (verify within animal medical record) have been administered:

- 1 Dose of Strongid-used for the treatment of roundworms or hookworms in pets.
- Weekly Doses of Marquis Paste-used for the treatment of coccidia in dogs, cats, and rabbits.

PROCEDURE

The following steps should be followed when treating a cat with diarrhea:

1. At onset or discovery of diarrhea administer a penicillin injection – to prevent stinging dilute with LRS. There is no specified ratio for dilution, ½ and ½ has been found to be most effective.
 - a. If diarrhea remains, or relapses, but has shown signs of improvement administer additional penicillin injections every other day for 3 injections.
 - b. If diarrhea does not improve, continue to next step.
2. Administer Metronidazole – 100mg/ml 0.05cc/lb. **2 x per day for 7 days**
 - a. Symptom Improvement: Upon completion of 7-day treatment, administer medication **every other day for 4 doses.**
 - b. No Improvement: If there is no improvement on Metronidazole after receiving treatment for 3 days (2 x each day) discontinue and consult vet. Continue to next step.
3. Administer (simultaneously):
 - a. Tylan Powder over food **2 x per day for 14 days**
 - b. Vitamin B injections **1 x per week**

If diarrhea persists, consult with vet.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For questions regarding this policy, contact document owner.