1. NAME OF THE VETERINARY MEDICINAL PRODUCT

Pestigon 67 mg Spot-On Solution for small dogs

2. QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION

One 0.67 ml pipette contains:

Active substances:
Fipronil 67 mg

Excipients:

Qualitative composition of excipients and other constituents	**Quantitative composition if that information is essential for proper administration of the veterinary medicinal product**
Butylhydroxyanisole (E320)	0.134 mg
Butylhydroxytoluene (E321)	0.067 mg
Povidone K12	
Polysorbate 80	
Butyl Alcohol	
Diethylene Glycol Monoethyl Ether	

A clear, colourless to pale yellow solution.

3. CLINICAL INFORMATION

3.1 Target species

Dogs.

3.2 Indications for use for each target species

For the treatment of infestations by fleas (*Ctenocephalides felis*). The veterinary medicinal product shows immediate insecticidal effect and persistent insecticidal activity against new infestations by adult fleas for up to 8 weeks.

The veterinary medicinal product has a persistent acaricidal efficacy against *Ixodes ricinus* for up to 2 weeks, *Rhipicephalus sanguineus* for up to 3 weeks and *Dermacentor reticulatus* for up to 4 weeks. If ticks of these species are present when the veterinary medicinal product is applied, all ticks will not be killed within the first 48 hours but they may be killed within a week.

The veterinary medicinal product can be used as part of a treatment programme for Flea Allergy Dermatitis where this has been previously diagnosed by a veterinary surgeon.

3.3 Contraindications

Do not use in dogs weighing less than 2 kg.
In the absence of available data, the veterinary medicinal product should not be used in puppies less than 8 weeks old.
Do not use in sick (systemic diseases, fever…) or convalescent animals.
Do not use in rabbits, as adverse reactions and even death could occur.

This veterinary medicinal product is specifically developed for dogs. Do not use in cats, as this could lead to overdosing.
Do not use in cases of hypersensitivity to the active or to any of the excipients.

3.4 Special warnings

The veterinary medicinal product does not prevent ticks from attaching to the animals, but ticks may be killed in the first 24-48 hours after attachment prior to full engorgement and therefore minimising the risk of transmission of diseases. Once dead, ticks will often drop off the animal, but any remaining ticks may easily be removed by a gentle pull.

When used as part of a strategy for the treatment of Flea Allergy Dermatitis, monthly applications to the allergic patient and to other dogs in the household are recommended.

For optimal control of flea infestation in multi-pet household, all dogs and cats in the house should be treated with a suitable insecticide.

Fleas from pets often infest the animal's basket, bedding and regular resting areas such as carpets and soft furnishings which should be treated, in case of massive infestation and at the beginning of the control measures, with a suitable insecticide and vacuumed regularly.

Avoid frequent swimming or shampooing of the animal because the maintenance of effectiveness of the veterinary medicinal product in these cases has not been tested.

3.5 Special precautions for use

Special precautions for safe use in the target species:

Avoid contact with the animal's eyes. In the case of accidental eye contact immediately and thoroughly flush the eyes with water.

It is important to make sure that the veterinary medicinal product is applied to an area where the animal cannot lick it off, and to make sure that animals do not lick each other following treatment.

Do not apply the veterinary medicinal product on wounds or damaged skin.

Special precautions to be taken by the person administering the veterinary medicinal product to animals:

This veterinary medicinal product can cause mucous membrane and eye irritation. Therefore, contact of the veterinary medicinal product with the mouth and eyes should be avoided.

In cases of accidental eye contact, immediately and thoroughly rinse the eye with plain water. If eye irritation persists seek medical advice and show the package leaflet or the label to a physician.

People with a known hypersensitivity to fipronil or any of the excipients should avoid contact with the veterinary medicinal product.

Avoid contents coming into contact with the fingers. If this occurs, wash hands with soap and water.

Wash hands after use. Do not smoke, drink or eat during application.

Treated animals should not be handled until this application site is dry, and children should not be allowed to play with treated animals until the application site is dry. It is therefore recommended that animals are not treated during the day, but should be treated during the early evening, and that recently treated animals should not be allowed to sleep with owners, especially children.

Keep pipettes in original packaging and dispose of used pipettes immediately.

Special precautions for the protection of the environment:

Fipronil may adversely affect aquatic organisms. Dogs should not be allowed to swim in watercourses for 2 days after application.

Other precautions:

The alcohol carrier may have adverse effect on painted, varnished or other household surfaces or furnishings.

This veterinary medicinal product is flammable. Keep away from heat, sparks, open flame or other sources of ignition.

3.6 Adverse events

Dogs:

Very rare (< 1 animal / 10,000 animals treated, including isolated reports):	Application site reactions (Skin discoloration[1], Hair loss[1], Itching[1], Reddening of the skin[1]). Generalised Itching, Hair loss. Hypersalivation[2], Vomiting. Neurological disorders[3] (Hyperaesthesia, Central nervous system depression, Neurological symptoms) Respiratory signs.

[1] Transient.
[2] If licking occurs, a brief period of excessive salivation may be observed due mainly to the nature of the carrier.
[3] Reversible.

Reporting adverse events is important. It allows continuous safety monitoring of a veterinary medicinal product. Reports should be sent, preferably via a veterinarian, to either the marketing authorisation holder or its local representative or the national competent authority via the national reporting system. See the package leaflet for respective contact details.

3.7 Use during pregnancy, lactation or lay

Pregnancy and lactation:

Laboratory studies using fipronil have not shown any evidence of teratogenic or embryotoxic effects. Studies have not been carried out with this veterinary medicinal product in pregnant and lactating animals. Use only according to the benefit-risk assessment by the responsible veterinarian.

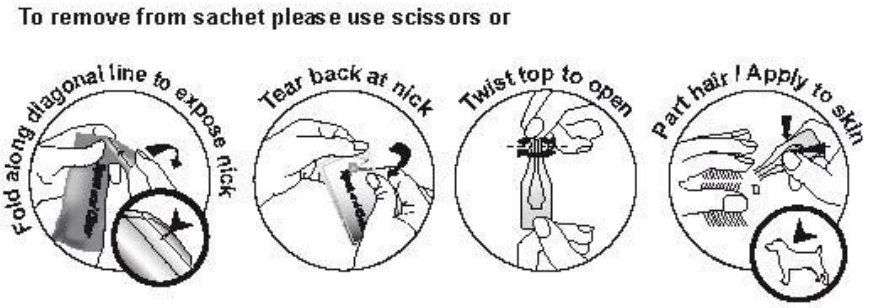
3.8 Interaction with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction

None known.

3.9 Administration routes and dosage

Spot-on use.
For external use only. Apply the veterinary medicinal product directly to the skin based on weight of the animal.
Animals should be weighed accurately prior to treatment.
Dosage: 1 pipette of 0.67 ml per dog weighing over 2 kg and up to 10 kg bodyweight.

Method of Administration: Hold upright. Tap the narrow part of the pipette to ensure the contents are within the main body of the pipette. Break back the snap-off top from the spot-on pipette along the scored line. Part the coat between the shoulder blades until the skin is visible. Place the tip of the pipette on the skin and squeeze gently at one or two spots to empty its contents onto the skin.



It is important to make sure that the veterinary medicinal product is applied to an area where the animal cannot lick it off, and to make sure that the animals do not lick each other following treatment.

Care should be taken to avoid excessive wetting of the hair with the veterinary medicinal product since this will cause a sticky appearance of hairs at the treatment spot. However, should this occur, it will disappear within 48 hours post application.

For the optimal control of infestation by flea and or/tick the treatment schedule can be based on local epidemiological situation.

In the absence of safety studies, the minimum treatment interval is 4 weeks.

3.10 Symptoms of overdose (and where applicable, emergency procedures and antidotes)

No adverse effects were observed in target animal safety studies in 8 week old puppies, growing dogs and dogs weighing circa 2 kg treated on 3 occasions at five times the recommended dose. The risk of experiencing adverse effects may however increase when overdosing, so animals should always be treated with the correct pipette size according to bodyweight.

3.11 Special restrictions for use and special conditions for use, including restrictions on the use of antimicrobial and antiparasitic veterinary medicinal products in order to limit the risk of development of resistance.

Not applicable.

3.12 Withdrawal periods

Not applicable.

4. PHARMACOLOGICAL IMMUNOLOGICAL INFORMATION

4.1 ATCvet code : QP53AX15

4.2 Pharmacodynamics

Fipronil is an insecticide/acaricide in the phenylpyrazole family. It acts by inhibiting the GABA complex, binding to the chloride channel and thereby blocking pre- and post-synaptic transfer of chloride ions across the cell membrane. This results in uncontrolled activity of the central nervous system and death in insects and acarids.

Fipronil exhibits insecticidal activity against fleas (*Ctenocephalides felis*), and acaricidal activity against ticks (*Rhipicephalus sanguineus, Dermacentor reticulatus, Ixodes ricinus*) in the dog.

Newly arriving fleas are killed within 24 hours of landing on the animal. Ticks if already present at the time of application of the veterinary medicinal product, may not always be killed in the first 48 hours, however will be killed within 9 days post treatment.

The veterinary medicinal product is effective against flea infestation (*Ctenocephalides felis*) for approximately 8 weeks and against tick infestations for up to 4 weeks (see indications for use), depending on the tick species and the level of challenge.

4.3 Pharmacokinetics

After a local application of fipronil to the dog, it is slightly absorbed through the skin. Low levels of fipronil may be detected in the plasma, with a very high variability between dogs. After application, there is a good distribution of the chemical on the hair, presenting a good gradient of concentration between the application zone and the peripheral area.

Fipronil is mainly metabolised to its sulfone derivative (RM1602), which also possesses insecticidal and acaricidal properties.

The concentrations of fipronil on the hair decrease with time.

5. PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS

5.1 Major incompatibilities

None known.

5.2 Shelf life

Shelf life of the veterinary medicinal product as packaged for sale: 3 years.

5.3 Special precautions for storage

This veterinary medicinal product does not require any special temperature storage conditions.
Store in the original container in order to protect from light and moisture.

5.4 Nature and composition of immediate packaging

Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

0.67 ml pipette, moulded from a film composed of 3 layers: a polypropylene/COC/polypropylene, solvent free lacquer laminate and a copolymer of polyethylene/EVOH/polyethylene. The pipettes are sealed within a child resistant 4-ply foil sachet composed of LDPE/nylon/aluminium foil/polyester film and presented in an outer box.

Boxes of 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12, 24, 30, 60, 90, 120 or 150 pipettes

5.5 Special precautions for the disposal of unused veterinary medicinal products or waste materials derived from the use of such products

Medicines should not be disposed of via wastewater or household waste.

The veterinary medicinal product should not enter water courses as fipronil may be dangerous for fish and other aquatic organisms.

Use take-back schemes for the disposal of any unused veterinary medicinal product or waste materials derived thereof in accordance with local requirements and with any national collection systems applicable to the veterinary medicinal product concerned.

6. NAME OF THE MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER

Norbrook Laboratories (Ireland) Limited

7. MARKETING AUTHORISATION NUMBER(S)

VPA22664/095/001

8. DATE OF FIRST AUTHORISATION

06/07/2012

9. DATE OF THE LAST REVISION OF THE SUMMARY OF THE PRODUCT CHARACTERISTICS

19/12/2025

10. CLASSIFICATION OF VETERINARY MEDICINAL PRODUCTS

Veterinary medicinal product subject to prescription

Detailed information on this veterinary medicinal product is available in the Union Product Database (https://medicines.health.europa.eu/veterinary).