# 'Dicestal' / May & Baker Ltd.

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# SUPPLIES

'Dicestal' is supplied as follows:

TABLETS

Containers of: \*10 × 0.5 gramme

100 × 0·5 gramme 500 × 0·5 gramme

\*Available for export only



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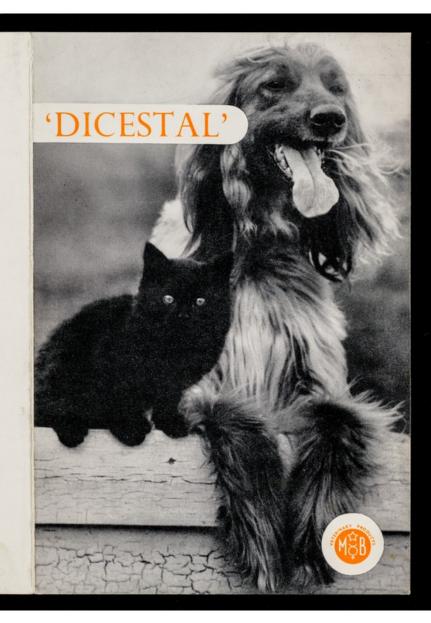
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2:2' - dihydroxy - 5:5'dichlorodiphenylmethane

#### IN CESTODE INFESTATIONS

### DESCRIPTION

'Dicestal' brand 2:2' - dihydroxy - 5:5' - dichlorodiphenylmethane occurs in the form of a very slightly soluble microcrystalline powder possessing a trace of phenolic odour, and is presented in tablet form.

### INDICATIONS

In the eradication of the commonly encountered tapeworm infestations, particularly of the dog and cat, 'Dicestal' has proved to be a highly efficient anthelmintic.

### ACTION

In contrast to the purgative and tapeworm expelling properties associated with older forms of taeniacides, 'Dicestal' possesses the unique ability of causing degenerative changes in the harboured cestodes without normally causing purgation.

It has been shown that shortly after the ingestion of the drug, the tapeworms become detached from the intestinal walls and rapidly undergo degeneration, being eliminated in approximately 8—12 hours.

It is important to recognize that in view of the physical changes produced in the cestodes, they will not be excreted in recognizable forms, but more often as greyish-white masses in the faeces. Field work has shown 'Dicestal' to provide successful results in animals which had been obstinate to other forms of therapy.

In the original British work, based on its activity in greyhounds, it was shown in many cases within a short period of time following treatment by 'Dicestal' there was an appreciable increase in body-weight and a definite improvement in general condition.

The drug is extremely well tolerated even in dosage much in advance of that therapeutically indicated, and no purging or vomiting is to be expected, although these side-effects are commonly encountered when using other and older taeniacides.

### ADMINISTRATION

Being non-irritant and relatively insoluble, 'Dicestal' can be administered without previous preparation of the patient. It has been found to be effective when administered either before or after feeding, but experience indicates that the best results are obtained when it is given immediately before the main meal of the day. It is also suggested that no supplementary feeding should be given to the animal before its main meal on the day of treatment, nor should any attempt be made to promote defaecation either by purgation or exercise.

# DOSAGE

Dicestal' is supplied in the form of 0.5 gramme tablets for oral use. Dosage is calculated on the basis of 0.2 gramme per kilogramme body-weight (grains 4 for each three pounds). A dog weighing 30 lb. should therefore receive  $5\times0.50$  gramme tablets. In all cases the computed dosage should be given as a single administration. In isolated cases, where repeat treatment may be necessary, this should not be carried out until an interval of two weeks has elapsed.