



CORRECT TECHNIQUE AND TIPS FOR SHEEP CAPSULE ADMINISTRATION



Dynamax controlled release capsule for adult sheep
Extender SeCo • Extender Junior



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To ensure safe dosing, follow these directions:

Fit the flat end of the capsule into the cup on the end of the capsule applicator.



1 Control the sheep

You must have complete control of the animal at all times. Work in a race and straddle each sheep high on the neck, behind the head, keeping the ears against your thighs. **DO NOT** rush administration of the capsule. Take your time as incorrect administration can kill the sheep.



2 Hold the head and neck at the correct angle

The angle between the head and neck must be straightened so that the dosing applicator makes a straight line from the mouth into the throat of the sheep.



The **CORRECT ANGLE** must be achieved by lifting the sheep's chin and allowing it to pull back against your thighs. Keep complete control of the head and neck while dosing.



NOTE: with an **INCORRECT ANGLE** OR **UNDUE FORCE**, the operator can puncture the back of the throat causing a fatal infection.

3 Let the sheep's swallowing reflex pull the applicator to the back of the throat

Hold the applicator so the nozzle points down. While holding on to the animal's chin, insert the capsule into the side of the mouth and on to the tongue, being careful to avoid contact with the teeth.



The sheep will start swallowing. Swallowing must continue throughout the dosing process, and will cease if the head and neck are bent and at the incorrect angle. Slight resistance may be felt if the sheep uses its tongue to block the capsule at the back of the mouth. **DO NOT FORCE AT THIS POINT.** Withdraw the capsule a little to stimulate the swallowing reflex and reposition.





Allow the swallowing reflex to draw the capsule and applicator over the tongue and into the back of the throat.

NEVER PUSH OR USE EXCESS FORCE as this can damage the back of the throat causing a fatal infection.

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Release the capsule and withdraw the applicator

Allow the applicator to pass down into the oesophagus until the applicator handle is at the corner of the mouth.



Then gently release the capsule by pressing the plunger button. As you release the capsule, slowly withdraw the applicator while keeping the button depressed.



Observe

Watch the sheep for a moment to ensure the capsule is not spat out.



PLEASE NOTE:

Keep the capsule clear of the teeth. The capsule mechanism can be damaged if bitten or chewed by the teeth, and will not function correctly.

Do not remove the water-soluble tape from the capsule. This will dissolve in the gut.

Ensure the applicator is in good working condition. Replace or service if not.

Dose carefully following these instructions. Take your time to administer correctly.



Capsule Application Tips

- Capsule application is a different technique from oral drenching. It takes a little longer to administer the capsule and requires learning the correct application technique.
- Allow extra time to get the job done. Ideally aim to do batches of sheep in half day blocks to help avoid fatigue associated with doing large numbers.
- For first time users, utilise the assistance of rural store and company staff to train all people on farm who will be administering the capsules.
- Good sheep handling facilities with well designed sheep yards in good repair are essential for making this job easier.
- There is a higher chance of capsule regurgitation if sheep have a full rumen. This can occur when sheep have been grazing lush green pastures, or very fibrous feeds. It is suggested that sheep are brought into the yards and allowed to settle for 1-2 hours prior to commencing capsule application to help minimise the chance of capsule regurgitation.



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