

CLAIMS

1. A veterinary composition comprising artesunate or a salt thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient, for use for preventing and/or treating leishmaniosis in a dog.
2. A veterinary composition for use according to claim 1, wherein said dog is a *Leishmania infantum* naturally infected dog.
3. A veterinary composition for use according to claim 1 or 2, wherein said veterinary composition comprises a therapeutically efficient dose comprised between 0.1 and 100 mg/kg BW/day, preferably between 1 and 50 mg/kg BW/day, more preferably between 20 and 30 mg/kg BW/day.
4. A veterinary composition for use according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein said veterinary composition comprises a therapeutically efficient dose of 25 mg/kg BW/day.
5. A veterinary composition for use according to any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein said veterinary composition is administered by an oral route.
6. A veterinary composition for use according to any one of claims 1 to 5, wherein said veterinary composition is a tablet.
7. A veterinary composition for use according to any one of claims 1 to 6, wherein said veterinary composition is administered in a single daily dose.
8. A veterinary composition for use according to any one of claims 1 to 7, wherein said veterinary composition is administered for at least 6 days, preferably from 6 to 10 days, more preferably for 6 days.
9. A veterinary composition for use according to any one of claims 1 to 8, for controlling the clinical signs of leishmaniosis.

10. A veterinary composition for use according to any one of claims 1 to 8, for controlling *Leishmania infantum* blood load.
11. A veterinary composition for use according to any one of claims 1 to 8, for controlling *Leishmania infantum* antibodies.
12. A veterinary composition comprising artesunate or a salt thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient, for use for preventing and/or treating leishmaniosis in a *Leishmania infantum* naturally infected dog, wherein said veterinary composition is administered to said infected dog by oral route in a single daily dose of 25 mg/kg BW/day for 6 days.
13. A veterinary composition for use according to any one of claims 1 to 12, wherein said veterinary composition further comprises at least one antiparasitic agent.
14. A kit comprising a first compartment comprising artesunate or a salt thereof, and a second compartment comprising at least one antiparasitic agent as a combined preparation for simultaneous, separate, or sequential use, in particular for preventing and/or treating leishmaniosis in a dog, said kit optionally comprises a notice or an instruction guide.