

CAUTION

## Intravaginal progesterone treatment for cattle

Each device contains 1.56g PROGESTERONE

# **Instruction Sheet 1**

## **Directions for use:**

Read and use in accordance with the product label. Cue-Mate<sup>®</sup> consists of a "Wishbone" carrier body, two replaceable treatment Pods and an attached Tail. A Cue-Mate<sup>®</sup> applicator is required for inserting the device. A dispenser of Veterinary Lubrication and a bucket of Veterinary Sanitiser should be on hand when inserting devices. Wishbones may be re-used only after recommended sterilisation procedure has been carried out. The manufacturer recommends washing in sodium hypochlorite (0.2% free available chlorine).

#### The Cue-Mate® System

- Cue-Mate<sup>®</sup> Device is shown fully assembled and is supplied ready to use.
- It incorporates the two Treatment Pods mounted on the Wishbone Carrier System with the Tail attached.
- In this form Cue-Mate® is ready for insertion.



## The Cue-Mate® Components

The Cue-Mate<sup>®</sup> System is shown with the separate components. Cue-Mate<sup>®</sup> can be used as a one shot system with an option to re-use the Wishbones provided a sanitising procedure is followed, after which new Pods and Tails can be reloaded for the next treatment.

The separate Cue-Mate® components are:

- The Wishbone Carrier System that can be re-used once it has been sanitised using recommended procedures.
- Two Treatment Pods that consist of a silicone/progesterone matrix with a gill design for efficient progesterone release.
- The Pods are removed and discarded after use.
- The detachable Tail that protrudes from the animal for device removal.

### The Cue-Mate® Applicator

- The Cue-Mate<sup>®</sup> Applicator is used to insert Cue-Mate<sup>®</sup> into the vagina.
- The device is loaded into the Applicator and released by pushing the plunger.
- The Applicator is sanitised between insertions.







1 Loading Cue-Mate® into the Applicator Retract barrel and plunger fully. Maintain retracted position by holding finger grip and scraper. Hold Applicator in the vertical position for loading. Thread tail of device into 'keyhole' of barrel. Holding device and 'jaws' in palm of hand, feed device into jaws. Squeeze jaws closed around device. Slide barrel forward to close Applicator.



#### 2 Inserting Cue-Mate® into the Cow

Prior to insertion of the Applicator ensure the vulva is cleaned with a paper towel or suitable wipe.

Place veterinary lubricant onto the tip of the Applicator.

Insert the lubricated Applicator, positioned in a vertical plane through the lips of the vulva and push forward guiding the tip of the Applicator through the vestibule. Once the Applicator is inserted past the vestibular constriction, turn the Applicator so the Cue-Mate® device is in the horizontal position. Push the Applicator well forward and depress the Applicator plunger thereby releasing the Cue-Mate ® into the anterior vagina in a well forward position. Withdraw the Applicator ensuring the Tail travels freely out of the Applicator. When correctly positioned the Tail should be protruding from the vulva pointing down with no part of the Wishbone being visible.

#### WITHHOLDING PERIODS: MEAT Zero (0) days, MILK Zero (0) days Remove any devices before slaughter.

TRADE ADVICE: EXPORT SLAUGHTER INTERVAL (ESI): Zero (0) days FIRST AID: If poisoning occurs, contact a doctor or Poisons Information Centre. Phone Australia 131126.

Storage: Store in a dry place below 30°C (Room Temperature). Disposal: Dispose by wrapping with paper and putting in garbage. APVMA Approval No: 52891/101258 Made in New Zealand



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#### 3 Cue-Mate® Removal and Wishbone Recycling

Remove Cue-Mate® by grasping the Tail firmly and gently pulling backward

As the Wishbone emerges, pull the Tail in a slightly sideways direction to ease each Pod through the vulva, one at a time, to avoid rapid removal and flicking.

To Remove Pods and Tails from used Wishbones: Place used devices in bucket and apply high pressure hose to loosen and remove mucus. Remove Pods from Wishbone by pulling lip of the Pod-head and ripping away from Wishbone. Remove Tail by pushing back through Wishbone. Discard Pods and Tails. Wash Wishbones in hot alkaline detergent at 65°C, rinse, dry and store in plastic bags away from direct sunlight.



#### **4 Re-Loading Wishbones**

Sanitise cleaned Wishbones in a chlorine sanitiser with at least 2,000ppm of available chlorine, for one hour. Virkon can be used in accordance with label concentrations. Take sanitised clean Wishbones and twist a new Treatment Pod onto each arm of the Wishbone. Placement of Pods can be assisted by first wetting the Wishbone arm in clean water, enabling the Pod to travel smoothly over the Wishbone stem.

Use a twisting action to push the Pod over the button and ensure the Pod has clipped firmly onto the Wishbone button.



Thread a new Cue-Mate® Tail into the tail hole on the Wishbone. Pull the Tail through and snap it firmly into place.

Ensure re-loaded Cue-Mates® are stored in a clean bag free from contamination away from direct sunlight. Wear gloves when handling Cue-Mate® devices.

When reloading large quantities of wishbones wear a mask and lab coat in addition to gloves while handling treatment pods. Ensure reloading is done in a well-ventilated room and that the room is adequately cleaned after reloading.