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## **HEARTWORM DISEASE – *one bite is all it takes!***

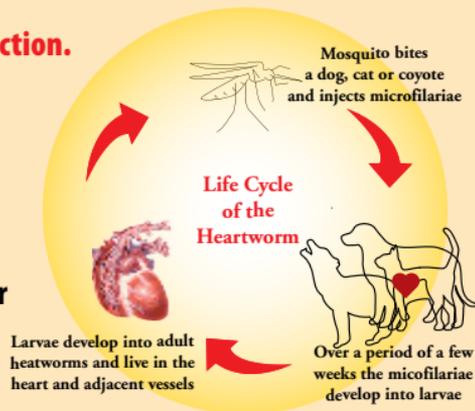
Heartworm disease in animals is a serious health threat that can ultimately result in heart failure and death. **ONE BITE** from an infected mosquito can transmit heartworms to your pet.



**Dogs** are the most common victims, but **cats, coyotes** and other animals are also susceptible. The heartworms restrict blood flow and cause organ damage and ultimately death. Symptoms include: coughing, labored breathing, and heart failure. Treatment is available for dogs, although it is expensive and may cause complications.

### **Prevention is the key to your pet's protection against a heartworm infection.**

We recommend testing your dog for heartworms. Once a month prescription medication is required to protect your pet during the year. This medication destroys any immature heartworms that exist in your pet's bloodstream. Consider combining a wellness blood profile with your heartworm test to ensure your pet is in optimal health.



# Heartworm Facts...

- Heartworm is carried by mosquitoes.
- Mosquitoes are found in all 50 states.
- Canine Heartworm Disease has been found in all 50 states.
- A mosquito becomes infected when it bites an infected dog or coyote and then the mosquito bites and infects an uninfected dog or cat.
- Dogs that do not receive consistent periodic preventative measures for heartworm disease may only live 2-5 years after being infected.
- Keeping your pet inside will not guarantee that it will not get heartworm disease. Mosquitoes can get inside the house.



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## FREE HEARTWORM TEST!

Heartworm disease is a serious health concern and we recommend testing your dog for heartworms. We are offering a FREE Heartworm Test with the purchase of a 12-month supply of heartworm prevention medication.

(Please present this card. Expires 60 days from postmark)



**We recommend testing your dog for heartworms!**



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