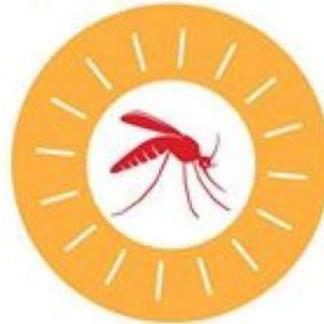


Heartworm Tail Tales



Dogs catch heartworms from other dogs.

Heartworms spread by infected mosquitoes, which bite and infect dogs, cats, ferrets and wild animals like coyotes.



Heartworms are only transmitted in the summer.

Depending on locale, mosquitoes that transmit heartworms can thrive before and after swimsuit season—or hang around all year.

They can also fly indoors or shelter in warm, protected areas.



Cats don't get heartworm disease.

Not only can cats get heartworms, harboring just one adult heartworm can be lethal. As for treatment? Sorry, Fluffy, *there isn't one.*



My indoor cat doesn't need heartworm prevention.

In fact, 1 in 4 cats diagnosed with heartworms is an indoor-only cat.



My dog is on heartworm preventive, so he doesn't need to be tested.

Kudos for protecting Fido, but don't skip that test! Medications can be spit out, rubbed off or forgotten, creating windows of infection opportunity.



Heartworm prevention isn't worth it.

Heartworm preventives can cost less than \$10 a month for a dog, but treatment can cost more than \$1,000. And your pet's health? Priceless.

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TEST FOR HEARTWORM EVERY 12 MONTHS.



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