

Heartworm Prevention

We **RECOMMEND** that **Heartworm** preventive be given all year long.

BENEFITS OF YEAR-ROUND PREVENTION:

- ❑ **Mosquitoes** can survive the winter inside your home. A **mosquito** which is carrying **Heartworm** disease is as much of a threat to your dog/cat in the winter as in the summer.
- ❑ Only one bite can infect your pet.

Eliminates the possibility of infection during the “off-season.” A year-round prevention program Virtually eliminates the possibility of contracting **heartworm** disease because no “off-season” will exist.

- ❑ Convenience. It will be more convenient to “stay on schedule” to remind you to give the **Heartworm** prevention
- ❑ Provides protection for dogs/cats that travel to warmer climates during the winter. Although mosquitoes are not prevalent in New England year-round, some areas of the country, such as the Southeast, has a year-round population of **mosquitoes**. This may pose a threat to any dog/cat not on year-round **heartworm** preventive if they travel or reside in those areas of the country that have a long **mosquito** season.

****YEARLY HEARTWORM CHECKS ARE STILL RECOMMENDED EVEN WITH YEAR-ROUND HEARTWORM PREVENTION!!!**

Reasons for this include:

- ❑ The **heartworm** preventive medication may be vomited or spit out by your dog/cat without your knowledge, thereby, exposing your pet to heartworm disease.
- ❑ Either by accident or oversight, you may forget to give the monthly preventive.

None of the routine **heartworm** tests are able to detect immature or early heartworm infestation. Your dog/cat may have had an undetectable infection at the time of his/her last **heartworm** test, and therefore, could have a dangerous infection. **Heartworm** preventives **WILL** prevent new infections of **heartworms**, **BUT it CANNOT** prevent the progress of pre-existing **heartworm** infection.

If you have any questions or problems, please call your caring healthcare team at Legacy Veterinary Hospital. Thank you!

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