Heartworm disease is a serious and potentially fatal disease in dogs and the mosquito plays an essential role in the heartworm life cycle. Heartworm disease is a vector-borne disease with the mosquito as the vector that transmits heartworms to dogs. Vector control is a key component of preventing heartworm disease in our cherished canine companions.


Pets should be tested for heartworm infection every 12 months and should be protected 12 months a year with a topical repellent and an oral heartworm preventive.

In the early stages of heartworm disease, many dogs show few or no symptoms. Signs of heartworm disease include mild persistent cough, reluctance to exercise, fatigue, decreased appetite and weight loss.

On average, dogs won’t test positive for heartworm for 6 months because it takes approximately 6 months for larvae to mature. Once mature, they can live 5 to 7 years in dogs with each mosquito season leading to the possibility of an increasing number of worms.

The dog is a natural host for heartworms, which means that heartworms that live inside the dog mature into adults, mate and produce offspring.

Heartworm infections continue to increase in number and geographic distribution. Heartworm has now been diagnosed in all 50 states.

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