

GET TO KNOW THE

Parasites

THAT THREATEN YOUR PETS

Ticks



HOW YOUR PET PICKS 'EM UP

Ticks latch onto your pet while he's walking in tall grass or wooded areas.



WHY ARE THEY BAD?

While feeding on your pet's skin, ticks spit out bacteria that cause Lyme Disease, which can lead to arthritis and kidney failure.



WHAT TO DO

If you find a tick, use gloves and tweezers to carefully remove it. (You want to get the whole tick). Talk to your vet about Lyme Disease medication.

Not-So-Fun Facts

Female ticks can lay up to 3,000 eggs

Some ticks can live more than one year without a meal

In very rare cases, toxins secreted by ticks can cause pet paralysis

Not-So-Fun Facts

Adult fleas can jump 600 times in an hour

The record flea jump is 33 cm

In just 30 days, 25 adult fleas can multiply to 250,000 fleas

HOW YOUR PET PICKS 'EM UP

They hitch a ride when your pet walks by wood piles, wet grass or another animal with fleas.



WHY ARE THEY BAD?

Flea eggs fall off your pet - onto your bed, couch and carpet - where they hatch and multiply rapidly. If your pet ingests the fleas, she could get tapeworms.



WHAT TO DO

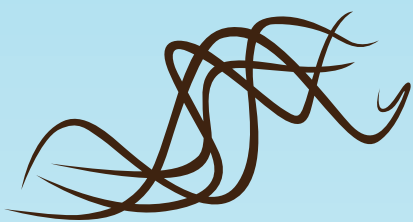
The best thing to do is make sure your pet is protected with flea medication in the spring.



Fleas



Heartworm



WHAT IS IT?

Heartworm is a disease spread through bites from infected mosquitos.



HOW YOUR PET GETS IT

Six to seven months after being bitten, the parasite reaches the heart where it matures into long, thin worms.



WHY IS IT BAD?

Heartworm can cause heart or lung problems, which can be fatal.



WHAT TO DO

Great news! Heartworm is 100% preventable through medication. Talk to your vet about the right treatment for your pet.

Roundworm

WHAT IS IT?

Worms that are up to 5" long, and live in the intestines.



HOW YOUR PET GETS IT

Puppies and kittens can get roundworm from their mothers at birth. Your pet can also get infected by ingesting animal stool with roundworm eggs.



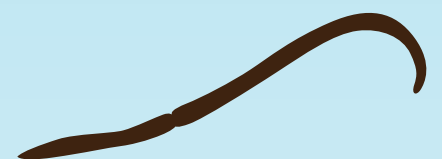
WHY IS IT BAD?

Roundworms take nutrients from your pet, and can grow large enough to block her intestine. Your pet may lose weight, vomit and have diarrhea.



WHAT TO DO

Get your pet's stool tested regularly, especially in the first year. Talk to your vet about medication.



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