



newsletter

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Do not forget to update your pets vaccines prior to vacation/boarding this summer! We are currently booking a few weeks out for appointments with Dr. Olsen



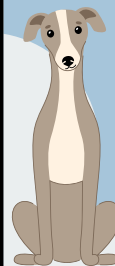
Celebrate with us!

- National Heartworm Awareness Month
- National Pet First Aid Awareness Month
- Prevention of Lyme Disease in Dogs Month
- Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month
- Canine Fitness Month
- National Adopt a Greyhound Month
- April 1-7 | International Pooper Scooper Week
- April 7-13 | National Dog Bite Prevention Week
- April 14-20 | Animal Care and Control Appreciation Week (second full week in April)
- April 17-23 | National Pet ID Week
- April 21-27 | **Veterinary Receptionist Week**



Dog Breed of the Month!

Greyhounds are part of a bigger family of dogs known as “sighthounds”. This group of hunting dogs is characterized by long, slender legs and thin bodies. Greyhounds are known for their double suspension gallop running style, which is what nature’s fastest cat is also known for. Greyhound’s can run at a top speed of 45mph! Perhaps most notable of all is their advanced sight, which gives them the ability to spot small movements across long distances. Unlike other dog breeds, that are naturally driven to hunt by scent and energy endurance, sighthounds are driven by their vision and speed.

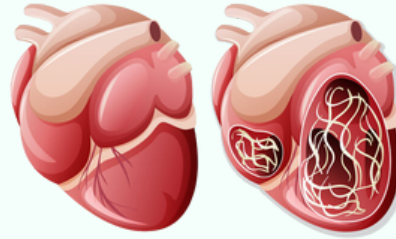


Protect Your Pet: Dangers of Heartworm Disease

What are heartworms?

Heartworms are a type of parasite, spread by mosquitos, that live in the heart or lungs of the infected host.

Unprotected pets are at risk year round. That's why it is best to stay on prevention at all times.



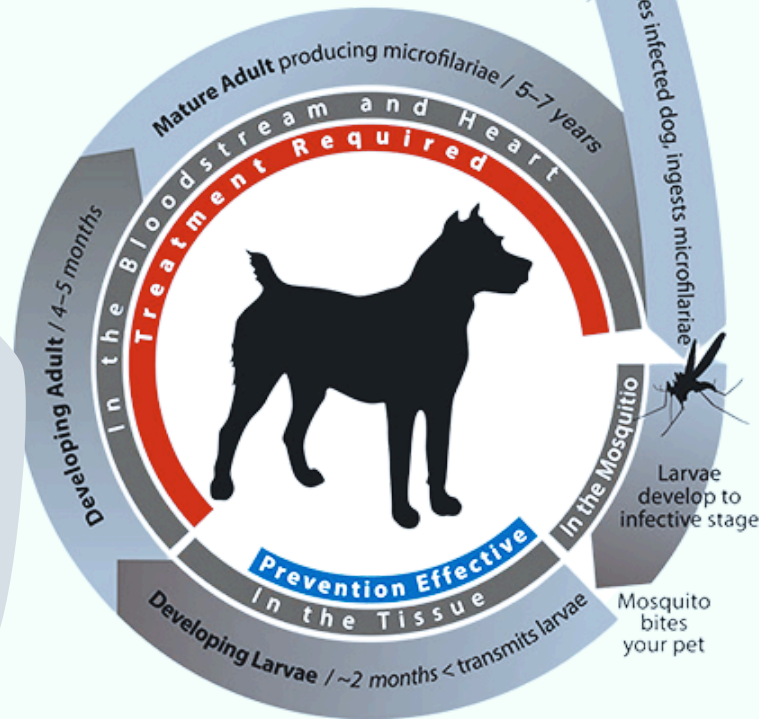
Heartworm-infected Dog



bites infected dog, ingests microfilariae

How and when to test for heartworms?

Your veterinarian will use a blood test to check for heartworms. The yearly test detects specific heartworm proteins, called antigens, which are released by adult female heartworms. We can also detect microfilaria (baby heartworms) in a dog's bloodstream. The earliest you will see a positive heartworm test is about 7 months after an infected bite from a mosquito.



Signs of Heartworms

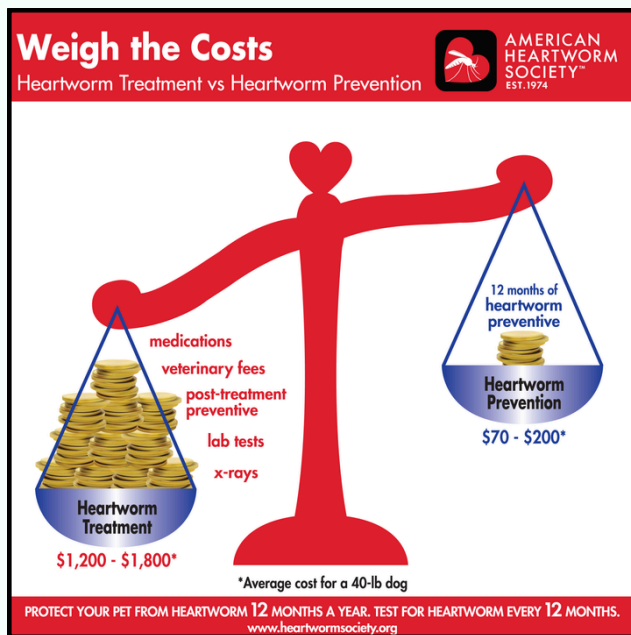
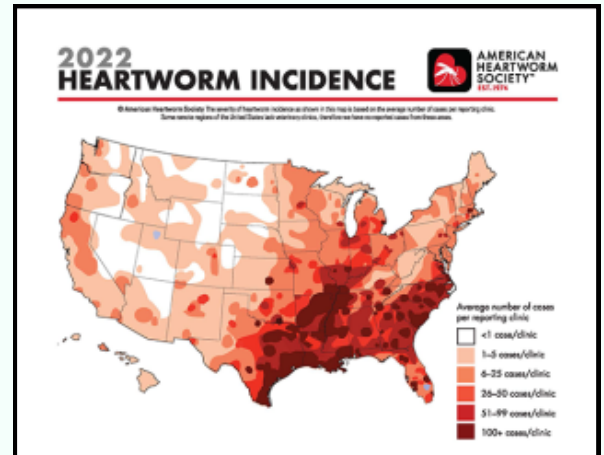
In the early stages of the disease, many dogs do not show symptoms at all. The longer the infection persists, the more likely symptoms will develop. Active dogs, dogs heavily infected with heartworms, or those with other health problems often show pronounced clinical signs. Signs of heartworm disease may include a mild persistent cough, reluctance to exercise, fatigue after moderate activity, decreased appetite, and weight loss. As heartworm disease progresses, pets may develop heart failure and the appearance of a swollen belly due to excess fluid in the abdomen. Dogs with large numbers of heartworms can develop sudden blockages of blood flow within the heart leading to a life-threatening cardiovascular collapse.



Protect Your Pet: Dangers of Heartworm Disease

Where are heartworms found?

Heartworm disease occurs all over the world. In the United States, the highest numbers of reported cases are still within the southeastern US, but it has been detected in all 50 states. Factors that affect the prevalence of heartworm infection include the species of mosquitoes, the climate, and the presence of reservoir animals. The risk of infection is greatest when mosquitoes are actively feeding.



How are they treated?

Luckily, there are many treatment options for heartworms. It is especially important to keep pets calm during the treatment, too much activity and increased blood flow can cause further complications. Some pets may also be put on antibiotics, due to the heartworms carrying bacteria inside of themselves.

Prevention

It is extremely important to have your pets on prevention. There are several options you can discuss with your veterinarian. It is cheaper to use prevention than to treat for heartworms. It is also important to have pets on prevention year round as certain areas are better vectors for mosquitos, including large cities which are heavily populated. Mosquitos can always sneak into your home even through screens!

ProHeart¹²
(moxidectin)

Give us a call
if you'd like
to discuss
prevention!



Meet Your Receptionists: Courtney

MEOW



Favorite Part of My Job

My favorite part of my job is getting to talk with clients about their pets!

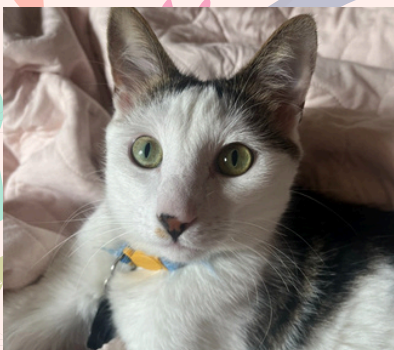
My Hobbies

- Traveling
- Kayaking
- Trying new foods
- Gaming
- Art
- Skating

Fun Facts

- Sushi is my favorite food!
- I've been to almost every state!

Meet my pets!



♥ **Lelouch**



♥ **Moon**



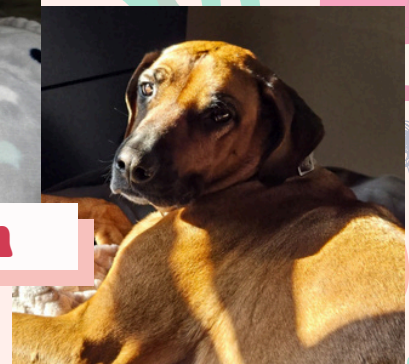
♥ **Pumpkin**



Julius



Tess

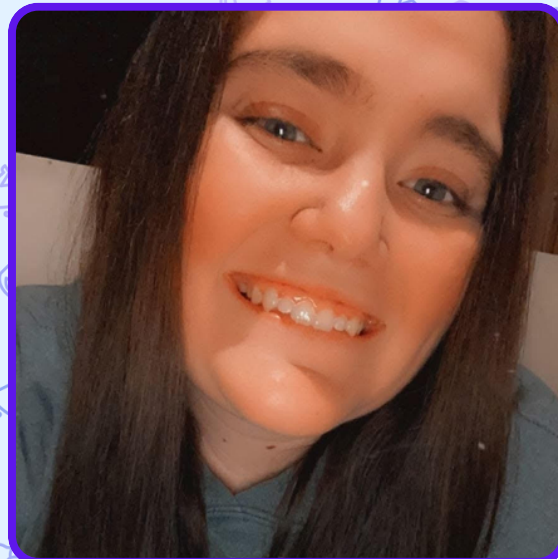


♥ **Nya**

Meet Your Receptionists: Morgan

WOOF!

My favorite part of this job is greeting pets and their owners and building a relationship with them. I personally don't like going to the doctor, and I know some of my own pets don't either. I want to make being here a positive experience for everyone involved!



I currently have three dogs, Loki, Whiskey, and Peaches. Loki is a rescue, we got him at 8 months old and are his fifth home. He is a very rambunctious, anxious dog. Whiskey was a puppy when I got her. She is a very playful, loyal dog. Peaches is also a rescue, she only has one eye! She is not a fan of children, so she came to live with me. I also am a huge aquarist and have had several different types of tanks! Currently setting up an axolotl tank, and have a running guppy tank!

Hobbies:

- Hiking with my dogs
- Going camping
- Reading
- Coloring
- Swimming



Peaches



Whiskey

Loki





Brick

This handsome guy is Brick! He is a Rottweiler around 8 years old and 100 pounds. We pulled him from an animal control after he was found as a stray. He is the sweetest boy and loves everyone he meets! He is good with older kids, cats and other dogs. Due to his size (and clumsiness) we would recommend a home with no small kids or small dogs. Even though he is considered a senior he still has energy and loves to run around the yard or go for short walks. I

Almost Home Rescue

SHELTER DOGS

Of the month



Axel

Axel is a 45 lb blue merle male Australian Shepherd, estimated to be around 8-11 years old. Despite his age, he's active and eager to please. Axel is very affectionate and loves attention. He's well-behaved in the house, does great with crate training, and has no issues with accidents or destruction. He enjoys spending time with his foster dad and has had a few couch bonding moments. Axel is good with grooming and enjoys car rides and walks. He has some herding instincts with cats but does well with a dog-savvy cat. Axel would thrive in a home with a physically fenced yard and enjoys socializing with people, teenagers, and dogs of all sizes. He's also starting to enjoy fetch and frisbee.

Midwest Australian Shepherd Rescue, Inc.



Fergie

Fergie is a 9 year old Chihuahua/ mix that has lived with another small dog and children in a home. Sadly, Fergie, through no fault of her own, has found herself at the shelter. This sweet girl is quiet and simply wanted a soft lap to curl up in. Let's get this sweet Senior back into a home and family.

TAPS No-Kill Animal Shelter

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ADOPTING ANY PET FROM ANY RESCUE, ENSURE THAT ALL OF YOUR PETS ARE UP-TO-DATE ON VACCINES AND PREVENTATIVES. RESCUES CALL US TO CONFIRM THESE THINGS & WILL DENY YOU IF YOUR PETS ARE NOT CURRENT.

SHELTER CATS

Of the month



Grasp

Senior, DMH

Not only am I the most handsome boy you have ever seen, but I am also the most affectionate as well. If I could just cuddle up with you all day while I nap that would make my heart so happy. I would much rather have you by my side while I nap than be alone and I was hoping you would feel the same way!

Livingston County Humane Society



Fiona

Fiona (DOB 11/30/17) is one of our FIV cats. She gets time out of her kennel to explore during cleaning hours, and she enjoys that freedom. She will monitor your work, and at the same time lounge on the comfortable furniture. She is affectionate but likes the attention under her terms. She isn't a fan of being picked up. Yes - she needs a specific adopter, but she is definitely an adoptable cat and will be treasured by the person that understands her wants. The A.R.K. Humane Society LTD



Calamity Jane

Even a pistol needs help sometimes. This beautiful girl was abandoned somewhere, front declawed, but alone and seeking help on the porch of a kind stranger. She was dirty, emaciated, and crawling with fleas. Admittedly, she was not very happy about her predicament! Of course we couldn't leave her alone like that, so we took her in and gently took care of her. She had to learn over time that we are not like the people who threw her out, and that there are good humans in the world! Would you like to be the good human who adopts her?

CATsNAP, Champaign, IL

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