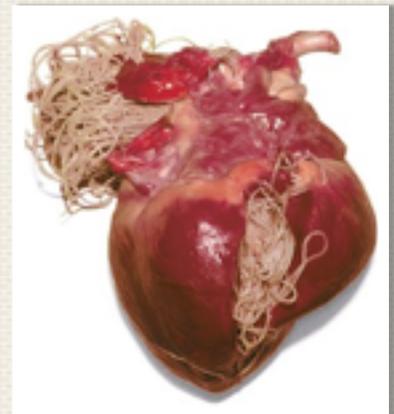
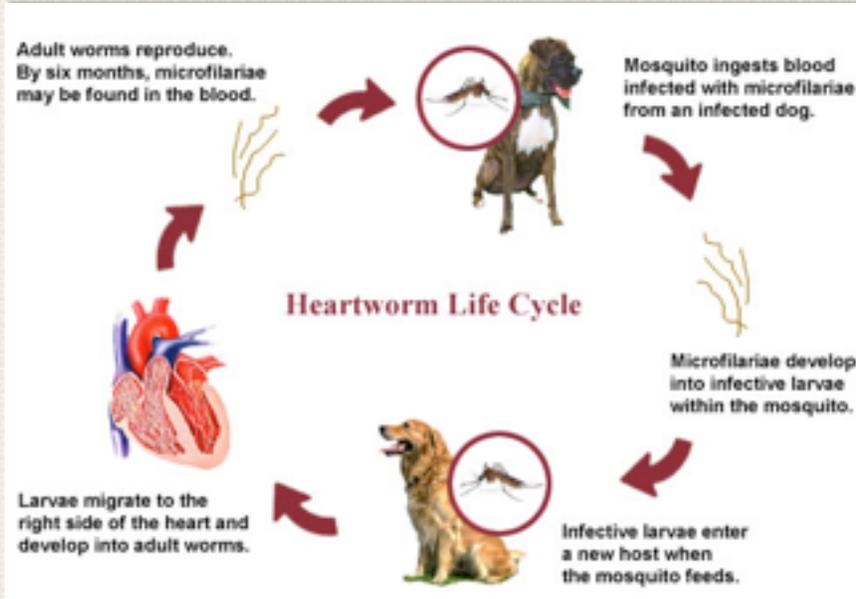


Spring Newsletter



The mosquito is the only known vector for transmitting heartworm.

It's that time of year again - Heartworm season is here!

Spring is on the way! With the warm weather approaching, the creatures and insects begin to pop their heads out. Soon enough, we will have to begin our monthly ritual of keeping our pets safe from the fatal disease known as heartworm. When a

mosquito takes a blood meal from a heartworm-infected animal, the animal becomes a carrier of the heartworm parasite. After a period of time, these worms make their way to their new host's heart, begin to reproduce, and the clinical picture of

heartworm disease begins to take shape. The next time a mosquito feeds on this host, the mosquito will become infected with juvenile heartworms, thus beginning the cycle again.

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REVOLUTION



SENTINEL



HEARTGARD PLUS

A pet with heartworm disease will eventually demonstrate signs of lung and heart compromise, may become exercise intolerant and may produce a cough. If untreated, this disease may lead to death. Although there is a drug that can be used to treat heartworm disease, it is costly and can be dangerous for your pet. It is administered over multiple days at a veterinary hospital. It is for this reason that owners often choose to use heartworm prevention every year during the mosquito season. These drugs are available in either oral or topical forms, are known to be safe for most pets and provide peace of mind for owners. Prevention begins June 1st!

Prevention is far more effective and less costly than treatment.

Heartworm Testing

If you have used a preventive product during the previous heartworm season, you may wonder why we recommend testing again this year?? If you feel that you used the product properly and do not have any left over, it is less likely that your pet would be infected with the heartworm parasite. However, medications are not perfect and we do suggest that you ensure your pet is heartworm free prior to beginning this year's preventive. This is especially true for those **pet owners that choose not to use a prevention** for any given reason. We respect your decision and simply recommend that we test your pet each spring to ensure they are safe. Testing your pet requires a quick home visit and a blood test. The cost of a heartworm test is \$39.00. Please call us to book your visit.



REVOLUTION

- (C) Revolution Blue 2.5-7.5kg (6) \$100.98
 - (C) Revolution Taupe 7.6-10kg (6) \$111.48
 - (C/D) Revolution Mauve <2.5kg (3) \$48.99
 - (D) Revolution Purple 2.6-5kg (6) \$106.50
 - (D) Revolution Brown 5.1-10kg (6) \$111.48
 - (D) Revolution Red 10.1-20kg (6) \$123.00
 - (D) Revolution Teal 20.1-40kg (6) \$141.00
 - (D) Revolution Plum 40.1-60kg (6) \$152.52
- (D) = Dog product (C) = Cat Product



SENTINEL

- Sentinel Brown 1-4kg (6) \$85.42
- Sentinel Green 4-11kg (6) \$96.22
- Sentinel Yellow 11-23kg (6) \$112.42
- Sentinel White 23-45kg (6) \$135.14

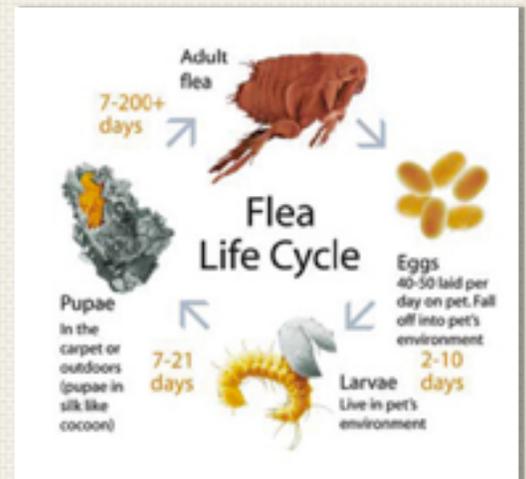
HEARTGARD PLUS

- Heartgard+ Blue 1-11kg (6) \$30.20
- Heartgard+ Green 12-22kg (6) \$50.20
- Heartgard+ Brown 23-45kg (6) \$70.20



Fleas

Fleas live in dark, damp areas, like under bushes and decking. When pets visit these areas, fleas jump aboard and soon become residents of your home. They are quite a nuisance, and some pets can have allergic reactions to fleas leaving them severely itchy with raw skin. Remember, **the flea you see is the 100 or more you don't!**



Blood Test Pricing

The following blood panels are available through our external laboratory:

Heartworm antigen ELISA -
\$39.00

4Dx® Screen-ELISAs for heartworm antigen, Ehrlichia canis, Anaplasma phagocytophilum and Lyme C6 antibodies

\$49.00

~All the following panels include the above 4Dx® Screen~

4Dx® Wellness with Fecal Parasites

- Full 4Dx Parasite Panel (above)
- Basic body blood chemistry and blood cell analysis
- Fecal parasite testing

\$95.00

4Dx® Wellness Complete with T4

- Full 4Dx Parasite Panel (above)
- Full body blood chemistry and blood cell analysis
- Thyroid Hormone Level (*A good screening test for geriatric cats and dogs*)

\$115.00

4Dx Wellness Only

- Basic body blood chemistry and blood cell analysis **\$72**



Wellness Testing

The purpose of annual Wellness Testing is to identify diseases and health problems as early as possible, when treatment and prevention are most effective. Our goal is to keep your pet a healthy and happy family member, and Wellness Testing is a vital tool in health assessment.

Often health conditions go undetected, as they have a “subclinical” stage, where an animal acts normally but changes are occurring internally.

The variety of tests in our Wellness Testing profiles allow for general screening of the internal organs so that changes can be detected early on.

****Please note** that our wellness panels are discounted during Heartworm season. As we are already drawing blood from most pets during this season, and can simply add extra testing to our lab request. During the rest of the year, we would have to make a special visit to your home to perform wellness bloodwork, and thusly the cost would be increased slightly.



Conditions detected with Routine Blood Screening:

Diabetes - Just like in humans, pets with diabetes may not be able to produce enough insulin, or possibly their bodies do not allow them to use insulin properly. Insulin therapy is available and effective in helping diabetic pet's lead long, full lives.

Kidney Disease - All of our bodies suffer the wear and tear of time. In people, our hearts are often our weakest organ. In dogs and cats, it is often the kidneys that wear out first. There are many things we can incorporate into your pet's lifestyle to slow the progress of this disease if detected early.

Hypothyroidism (Dogs) - Is a condition where you have inadequate active thyroid hormone. The body does not produce enough thyroid hormone, disease results, a test shows thyroid hormone level is low, additional hormone is taken.

Hyperthyroidism (Cats) - Unlike the canine companion that has an inadequate active thyroid the feline has an overactive thyroid hormone. Signs and symptoms include weight loss, muscle deterioration, chronic vomiting or chronic diarrhea.

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7. SUPPLEMENTS
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