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## INTESTINAL PARASITES

**INTESTINAL PARASITES** threaten your pet's health. Large numbers can cause intestinal blockage, bloody diarrhea and even death in young or weakened pets. Certain types can also infect you and your family.

**INFECTION** can occur through ingesting a flea, contact with infected animals, their droppings and contaminated food or water.

**SYMPTOMS** include: anemia, diarrhea, vomiting, appetite loss, weight loss, underdevelopment, constipation or coughing.

**DIAGNOSIS:** Microscopic examination of your pet's stool sample is necessary to detect the presence and type of parasite infection. Please bring a fresh stool sample in the attached baggie when you bring your pet to our office. A re-check may be necessary.

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**Heartworm detection requires a blood test.  
Please ask about this important test for pets!**

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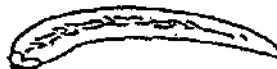
### Tapeworm



### Roundworm



### Hookworm



### Whipworm



### Giardia



### Coccidia



**TREATMENT** is precise and based on the exact parasite(s) present. Many prescribed medication are given orally and some may require injections. Worms and their eggs can be difficult to destroy so follow-ups may be necessary. Over-the-counter products are risky if administered improperly. If other parasites are present, they can cause serious problems if not detected and properly treated.

**PREVENTION** Sanitation is key to parasite control. Remove stools from the yard promptly. Control fleas and contact with small wild animals, birds, other dogs, cats, and all droppings. Have your pet's stool sample checked regularly by your veterinarian.