



Preventing Heartworm

The American Heartworm Society (AHS) estimates that 27 million dogs in the U.S. are currently not on a heartworm preventative, needlessly exposing them to potential infection from heartworm. Heartworm disease is a serious canine health concern that threatens animals in all 48 contiguous states and Hawaii, as well as throughout the temperate regions of the world.

Heartworms live in the heart and pulmonary arteries of infected animals, and can lead to heart failure, as well as damage to other organs. Dogs are most at risk of developing heartworm infection, although cats, ferrets and some wild animals are also susceptible. Heartworms are spread from animal to animal by mosquitoes.

Although heartworm disease can be deadly to infected animals, it is also completely preventable, with several products currently available through veterinarians to protect pets from heartworm infection.

Your veterinarian has a variety of options for preventing heartworm infection in your dog, including an injection that provides protection for six months, daily and monthly tablets and chewables, and a monthly topical application. When any of these methods are administered properly on a timely schedule, heartworm infection can be completely prevented.