



FAST FACTS: **heartworm disease**

- Heartworm disease is a serious condition present in both dogs and cats, caused by parasitic worms living in the arteries of the lungs and occasionally in the right side of the heart.
- Heartworm parasites cannot mature into adult heartworms without first passing through a mosquito.
- Regardless of whether your cat or dog is an indoor or outdoor pet, they can still contract heartworm disease.
- Heartworm transmission is most common in July and August.



- Your pet should be tested annually for heartworms.
- There are treatments available for heartworm disease. However, they do not work in advanced cases and treatments often cause complications for cats.

Prevention is the best measure!



Forestbrook Pet Hospital

We understand that your pet is a vital part of your family and we are committed to giving exceptional veterinary care with current knowledge and modern equipment. We believe in quality medicine and want to deliver our services at affordable prices. We provide wellness exams, vaccinations, surgeries and dental care.

Please call us to book your pet's appointment: **905.831.1118**

We carry a variety of products and medications to prevent parasites including worms, fleas and ticks.

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50% off heartworm testing from
April 1st to May 31st



**Keeping your pets
healthy during
heartworm season**



HEARTWORM **testing**

Heartworm season is fast approaching! As pet owners, we must take preventative measures to protect our pets from heartworm disease, a potentially fatal condition.

In Ontario, July and August are the peak months for heartworm transmission. However, the key to keeping our pets healthy is to have them tested early for the presence of parasites and to start them on a preventative program.

Forestbrook Pet Hospital is offering 50% off heartworm testing from April 1st to May 31st.

Our vet, Dr. Rajkumar Arulthasan, will take a blood sample from your pet to test for the presence of heartworm parasites. Pets must be tested prior to receiving treatment. Since treatment is only six months, pets can become infected before or after the preventative treatment. If pets are already infected, preventative treatments can cause complications.

There are a variety of preventatives for your pets, including monthly tablets. These treatments also protect against a variety of parasites, including fleas and other types of worms.

These medications interrupt development, stopping adult heartworms from reaching the lungs and causing the disease.



WHAT IS **heartworm disease?**



Heartworm disease is a potentially fatal condition caused by parasitic worms that invade the arteries of the lungs and sometimes the right side of the heart of dogs, cats and other mammals.

Mosquitoes transmit heartworm disease from one animal to another.

A heartworm infestation can interfere with valvular function and blood flow, cause liver and kidney dysfunction and heart failure.

Symptoms of heartworm disease are usually only present once the infection has progressed over time. This is why regular heartworm testing and preventative medications are so important for your pet's health.



PREVENTION STARTS WITH **you!**

Take responsibility for your pet's health!

Ensure that your pet undergoes heartworm testing every 12 months.

Start your pet on a preventative program to ensure that they stay healthy and worm-free.

Heartworm prevention is safe, easy and affordable. Prevention is the key to protecting your pets!

Call us to book your pet's heartworm test:
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