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## Max's Story - Low Cost Heartworm Treatment Options

### Spring Into Action with Help Me Keep My Pet: Protect Your Pets from Heartworms

As we transition to a new season and embrace the warmer weather here in Texas, it's important for pet parents to be aware of an often-overlooked danger—heartworms. With increased mosquito activity in the spring and summer months, heartworm infection becomes an even greater risk to our pets. Heartworms are parasites that can cause severe, even deadly, damage to both dogs and cats (although cats are not the primary host). The good news is that heartworm infection and the resulting disease are entirely preventable—and at Texas Litter Control (TLC), we are dedicated to helping families protect their pets.

#### Heartworm Disease: What You Need to Know

Heartworm disease is a potentially fatal condition caused by foot-long worms that live in the heart, lungs, and blood vessels of affected animals. These parasites are spread through mosquito bites, and once a mosquito bites an infected animal, it can transmit heartworm larvae to other pets. Heartworms can cause severe lung disease, heart failure, and damage to other organs, leading to long-term health problems and even death.

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*Shelter Intervention*

## TLC's Commitment to Heartworm Prevention and Treatment

At Texas Litter Control (TLC), we are deeply committed to helping families care for their pets, which includes making sure they are protected from heartworm disease. We often see pet owners seeking help for heartworm-positive dogs. Just recently, we had a client come to us with multiple large, infected dogs, including Max, who is pictured here. With the average cost of heartworm treatment ranging from \$500 to \$1,500 per dog, this story serves as a powerful reminder of why prevention is so important—protecting your pet's health and avoiding the often unattainable cost of treatment."

While TLC does not provide traditional "fast-kill" heartworm treatment—which is generally more costly, risky, and stressful for the animal—we do offer a "slow-kill" treatment method for dogs who are deemed candidates by our veterinary team. The slow-kill method is a more gradual and less invasive approach to eliminating heartworms, though it still requires careful monitoring and commitment from the pet owner.

In the case mentioned, the pet parent was overwhelmed and unable to cover the cost of even slow-kill treatment for multiple large dogs, so she applied for assistance through our **Help Me Keep My Pet** shelter intervention program. Thankfully, the **HMKMP** team was able to provide her with three discounted service vouchers to make treatment affordable. This assistance allowed significant relief for the client and her family by helping to manage the financial burden while ensuring the dogs received the necessary care.

### Prevention is the Best Medicine

While it's heartwarming to be able to step in and help in situations like Max's, prevention is always the best approach. Keeping pets on year-round heartworm prevention costs far less than treating a positive diagnosis, and it is the most effective way to protect them from this dangerous disease. By staying vigilant and committed to prevention, we can ensure fewer pets end up in situations like Max's.

### How You Can Make a Difference

Max and his family are just one example of the many pets we help each year through our **Help Me Keep My Pet** program. But we need you to continue making a difference. Whether it's through supporting TLC financially, donating new or gently-used pet supplies, volunteering your time, or simply ensuring your own pets are on year-round heartworm prevention, you play an essential role in keeping Texas pets safe.

Heartworm disease is preventable, treatable, and manageable—when caught early and when prevention is a priority. If you're in need of assistance or know someone who is, please reach out to TLC's **HMKMP** program. An online application can be submitted at [HelpMeKeepMyPet.com](https://www.HelpMeKeepMyPet.com). Together, we can help keep pets like Max healthy, happy, and safe with their families for years to come.

**For more information on our Help Me Keep My Pet program or to find out how you can get your pet on heartworm prevention, please contact TLC today.**



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