



Healthcare for Your New Dog

Thanks for adopting a dog from Texas Cattle Dog Rescue (TCDR)! We know it's exciting to bring a new dog home.

There are a few important healthcare issues, noted in your signed adoption contract item #3, that you need to take care of within 30 days of adoption.

FOSTER PARENTS!

Please provide this form to the adopter along with the adoption contract.

Establish dog with your veterinarian

Unless otherwise noted, your adopted dog is up to date with vaccines, spayed/neutered, heartworm negative, fecal negative, and microchipped. Your dog's foster parent should have provided all of the dog's records. If you did not receive all records, please contact adopt@texascattledogrescue.com. We can also email the records to your veterinarian.

If you don't have a veterinarian, let us know. We may be able to recommend one in your area.

Obtain heartworm prevention for your dog

It is crucial that your dog receives heartworm prevention for life. You must ensure your new dog is taking heartworm prevention within 30 days of adoption and remains on heartworm prevention for his/her life.

Your dog has tested negative for heartworms and received heartworm prevention monthly while in the care of TCDR. The heartworm test proves the dog didn't have adult worms in their system and prevention ensures no new heartworms will develop. The prevention can also prevent intestinal worms. Heartworms are easily prevented. Your dog needs to receive year-round prevention to stay healthy (and it is required per the adoption contract you signed).

Types of heartworm prevention and where to buy it.

Please discuss heartworm prevention options with your dog's veterinarian. Below is basic information about the types of heartworm prevention.

1. Monthly heartworm prevention

This is typically in the form of a pill or chew, but it is also available in a topical in some cases. It should be given to the dog every month, all year long. Common brand names are Heartgard, Tri-Heart Plus, Iverhart Plus, Nuheart.

Flea and flea/tick treatment would be a separate medication.

2. Combination heartworm and flea or flea and tick prevention

Heartworm prevention also comes packaged with flea or flea and tick prevention. This is in the form of a monthly pill or chew or sometimes topical. Common brand names are NexGard PLUS, Revolution, Trifexis, SimparicaTRIO.

3. Injections

Another option for heartworm prevention is a 6- or 12-month injection of Proheart. This will prevent heartworms without giving monthly medications. You can obtain Proheart heartworm prevention from your vet.

You can obtain any of these types of heartworm prevention from your vet, or with a prescription from your vet, you may also purchase brands and generic alternatives from online pharmacies like Chewy or PetSmart. Some brands and generics are available without a prescription from [Budget Vet Care](#) or [Petshed](#).

Obtain flea and/or flea and tick prevention for your dog

Fleas and ticks can lead to far more than itching. They can cause serious health issues for your dog and they can affect you, too. Fleas and ticks can be prevented with year-round treatment. These parasites can survive indoors, so protecting your pet all year is critical.

Types of flea/tick prevention and where to buy it.

Please discuss flea and tick prevention and treatment options with your dog's veterinarian. Below is basic information about the types of flea and tick options.

1. Topical

This is a common, inexpensive way to keep pests off your dog. These come in a small tube and are applied monthly on the dog's skin between their shoulder blades. Common brands include Advantage, Combiva and Frontline. These are over-the-counter medications and sold at most pet food stores, Sam's club, feed stores, etc. These should be used monthly all year round.

2. Oral

Oral flea treatments offer convenient, systemic protection for your dog. Common brands given monthly include Nexgard, and Simparica. Bravecto offers an oral chew that is only given every 3 months.

3. Combination flea or flea and tick prevention with heartworm prevention

Flea or flea and tick prevention also comes packaged with heartworm prevention. This is in the form of a monthly pill or chew or sometimes topical. Common brand names are NexGard PLUS, Revolution, Trifexis, SimparicaTRIO. These should be used monthly all year round.

You can obtain many of these products from your vet, or with a prescription from your vet, you may also purchase brands and generic alternatives from online pharmacies like Chewy or PetSmart. Some brands and generics are available without a prescription from [Budget Vet Care](#) or [Petshed](#).

Have questions??

We are here to help and to answer any questions you may have about the care of your new dog from TCDR.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need more information, have problems, or want to discuss anything about your new family member! We can be reached at adopt@texascattledogrescue.com.