

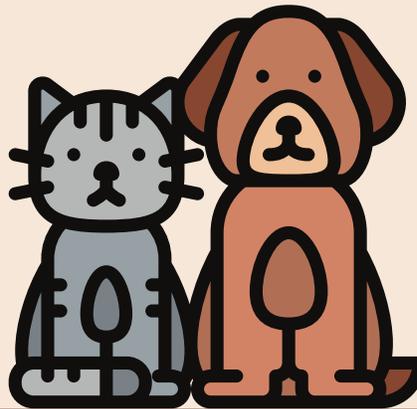
HEARTWORM

AWARENESS MONTH IS EVERY APRIL

Heartworms are foot-long worms that infest the heart, blood vessels, and lungs of our pets. They can cause severe damage to major organ systems, including lung disease and heart failure.

MATURITY RATE

HEARTWORM MATURE INTO FULL-GROWN ADULTS IN ABOUT:



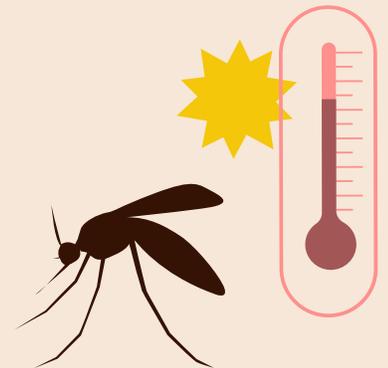
TRANSMISSION

HEARTWORM ARE TRANSMITTED AS LARVAE TO MAMMAL BY MOSQUITOES, SO THEY ARE MORE PREVALENT IN WARMER SEASONS AND CLIMATES.

LIFE SPAN OF HEARTWORMS

2 - 3 YEARS
IN CATS

5 - 7 YEARS
IN DOGS



MEDICATIONS USED TO TREAT HEARTWORM DO NOT WORK FOR CATS WHICH MAKES



PREVENTION

EVEN MORE IMPORTANT FOR OUR FELINE FAMILY MEMBERS & FRIENDS. TALK TO YOUR VET FOR MORE INFORMATION.

CLINICAL SIGNS OF HEARTWORM

IN CATS:

- COUGHING
- LOSS OF APPETITE
- WEIGHT LOSS
- FAINTING
- LABORED BREATHING
- RAPID BREATHING
- GAGGING
- VOMITING
- BLINDNESS
- DIFFICULTY WALKING
- SEIZURES
- ASTHMA-LIKE SYMPTOMS
- FLUID BUILD-UP IN ABDOMEN

IN DOGS:

- COUGHING
- LOSS OF APPETITE
- WEIGHT LOSS
- FAINTING
- LABORED BREATHING
- FATIGUE
- ENLARGED LIVER
- ENLARGED HEART
- CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE
- ABNORMAL LUNG SOUNDS
- ABNORMAL HEART SOUNDS
- PALE GUMS
- DARK, BLOODY URINE
- FLUID BUILD-UP IN ABDOMEN