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Kiss for mom

Victoria Corigan receives flowers and kisses from daughter Jessi at Amaretto Restaurant's brunch Sunday. The restaurant was inundated with guests treating their moms to a meal.

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THE PET PLACE

Prevention is the best medicine for man's best friend

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making treatment risky as well as costly. Prevention is the best form of treatment, so your dog should be tested once a year for heartworms. If your dog is heartworm-free, your veterinarian can prescribe a monthly preventive.
Roundworms and hookworms
First-time dog owners should not be surprised to find that their cute little puppy has other kinds of worms. Roundworms and hookworms are

intestinal parasites that affect dogs of all ages, but puppies are the most vulnerable and, in the case of roundworms, heavy infections can cause death within weeks of birth if not treated. Almost all puppies are born with roundworms, which they contract from their mothers while still in the womb.
Hookworms also are common in puppies, since they can be passed through the mother's milk. They may also be transmitted by penetrating the dog's skin. Roundworms and hookworms may also be passed, in egg

form, through dogs' feces.
Your veterinarian can test your dog for these parasites and, if necessary, prescribe treatment concurrent with your dog's heartworm program.
Only a veterinarian can diagnose parasites in your dog, but you may see warning signs. A dog suffering from roundworm will appear potbellied, have a dull coat, and may experience vomiting and diarrhea. Signs of hookworm also include a dull coat and diarrhea, as well as notable weight loss. Your veterinarian will check for roundworms and hook-

worms by taking a fecal sample to determine if eggs are present.
While regular visits to your veterinarian are necessary, your dog's everyday physical fitness is in your hands. They say you can't teach an old dog new tricks, so teaching your puppy to exercise will lay the groundwork for a lifetime of cardiovascular fitness. Once you've dealt with the problem of parasites, there's no better way to keep your dog fit than taking him outside for a canine workout.
Regular exercise is the key to safeguarding your dog's healthy heart.

Going for a short jog, or playing fetch or Frisbee catch will not only provide a good cardiovascular workout for your dog, it will keep you in shape, too.
So get your puppy and get outside! Once your veterinarian has prescribed the proper prevention program, your dog can accompany you on family outings, morning jogs, and anywhere else you happen to be going. And as you work up a sweat with your puppy, you can rest easy, knowing that you've taken the best possible care of your family's new best friend.

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