

Pets

Heartworm still being detected in Ontario dogs

The Ontario Veterinary Medical Association has prepared the following information to help Stouffville dog owners gain a better understanding of canine heartworm disease, a serious illness which continues to be diagnosed in unprotected dogs throughout Ontario.

What is a heartworm?

A heartworm is a large parasitic roundworm that can invade a dog's heart and adjacent pulmonary blood vessels.

It survives on nutrients which it steals from the dog's bloodstream.

A heartworm can grow to a length of 15-30 centimetres and in an extreme infection, hundreds of worms can be found in a single dog.

How can I know if my

-dog has heartworms?

Your veterinarian will conduct a simple blood test to determine whether or not your dog is infected.

The procedure is painless and the results are usually available within 48 hours.

If your dog is not infected, a preventive program should be started immediately.

How can heartworm disease be prevented?

Heartworm disease can be prevented by putting your dog on a preventive medication program. A simple monthly medication can eliminate any developing heartworm larvae transmitted by mosquitoes. The entire heartworm life cycle is broken. No preventive

program should be started before your veterinarian determines whether or not your dog already has heart-

worm. Consult your veterinarian about diagnosis and prevention of canine heartworm disease.



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