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## Parasitic disease protection

How to help both your dog  
and your family



## What are parasites and why do they matter?

Parasites are organisms that survive by feeding on animals and sometimes people.

They can also spread diseases that can threaten the health of your dog and family.

Some parasites can also spread to humans, resulting in health consequences.

Prevention may not be 100% effective.

It's important to have your dog tested regularly as recommended by your veterinarian.

**Review the enclosed guide to understand infectious diseases in dogs.**



# Ask your veterinarian about:



**Faecal antigen testing.**  
This type of testing finds intestinal parasite infections that other types of testing may miss.



**Effective treatments and prevention.**  
Your veterinarian will recommend the best approach for your dog.



# Your guide to understanding parasitic and vector-borne diseases



Causes of infection	Infectious diseases	Most common signs of infection	Disease progression if not treated	Diagnostics	Treatment	Protection
<p><b>Worms</b> can cause infection when dogs are exposed to contaminated soil or stool that contains eggs or worm larvae. Infection may also spread from mother to puppies.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hookworm</li> <li>• Roundworm</li> <li>• Whipworm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diarrhoea</li> <li>• Loose stool or blood in stool</li> <li>• Pale gums</li> <li>• Poor hair quality</li> <li>• Poor health</li> <li>• Pot-bellied appearance</li> <li>• Vomiting</li> <li>• Or may not show any signs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Failure to grow/thrive</li> <li>• Severe anaemia</li> <li>• Weight loss</li> <li>• Death</li> </ul>	<p>Stool sample and tests, including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Faecal antigen testing</li> <li>• Faecal flotation</li> </ul>	<p>Deworming medication and monthly preventives</p>	<p>Monthly parasite control products (available from your veterinarian)</p> <p>Also remember to pick up your dog's stool regularly</p>

**IMPORTANT:** Prevention may not be 100% effective. Test your dog at least once a year.





## Helpful tips to help protect your dog and family.

Pick up and dispose of your dog's stool regularly.

Wash your hands after exposure to your dog's urine, stool, soil (gardening), and sandpit.

Cover sandpits and play areas to prevent wildlife and strays from contaminating these areas.

Remind children not to put dirt or dirty hands in their mouths.

Use parasite preventive medications as directed by your veterinarian.

Have your dog tested for parasites at least once a year or as recommended by your veterinarian.

Consult with your veterinarian about including comprehensive parasite and vector-borne disease testing in your pet's next wellness visit.

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