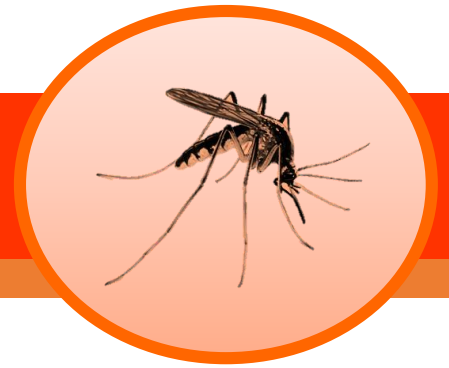


Heartworm



We keep telling you that Heartworm/Tick Testing is Important for your Dog?...

WHY?!?!?!?!?

Heartworm is a parasite that is spread by the bite of a mosquito. If your dog goes outdoors, your dog is at risk! Southwestern Ontario (more specifically, south of the 403) has the most cases of Heartworm in Ontario. Its proximity to the great lakes, which creates a more ideal environment for mosquitoes to prosper, is the likely cause. This means that YOUR dog is at greater risk.

Our Heartworm/Tick test checks for exposure to heartworm, as well as exposure to FOUR different tick diseases that may be spread by ticks in this area:

- **Dirofilaria Immitis** (Heartworm): transmitted by mosquitoes, it is a serious and potentially fatal disease....but it IS PREVENTABLE!!
- **Borrelia burgdorferi** (Lyme bacteria): transmitted by the deer tick, Lyme disease can cause fever and joint pain, and can also cause disease in humans.
- **Ehrlichia canis**: transmitted by ticks, this pathogen can cause fever, enlarged lymph nodes and general malaise.
- **Anaplasma phagocytophilum**: transmitted by ticks, this pathogen and cause fever and wasting.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO TEST ANNUALLY FOR THESE DISEASES. IF DETECTED EARLY (BEFORE SYMPTOMS APPEAR), THEY ARE ALL TREATABLE DISEASES.

What are the benefits of Heartworm Prevention?

Most heartworm prevention products not only protect your dog from contracting heartworm disease, but they also protect your dog from intestinal parasites including roundworm, hookworm, and whipworm. As well, some of the products will also protect your dog from external parasites including FLEAS, TICKS, and MITES. We will help to guide you to the product which suits your dog and their lifestyle best.